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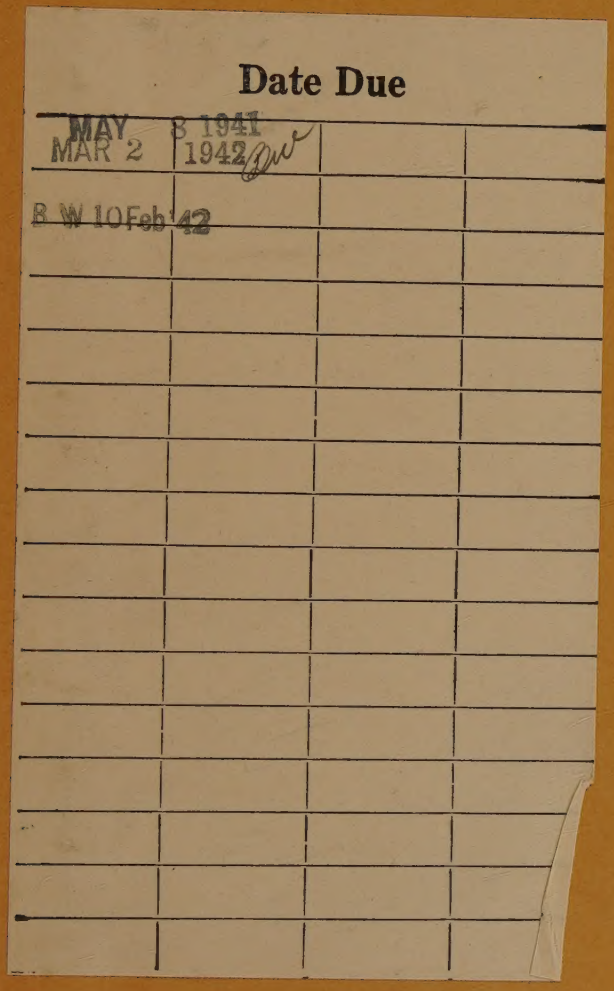

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TO MY SISTER

MISS ALBERTINA NEIDLINGER

WHOSE INTEREST IN KINDERGARTEN WORK

HAS LARGELY HELPED IN THE MAKING

OF THIS LITTLE BOOK

Educ. 1938

There is an Edition of this work illustrated
by Walter Bobbett and printed in colors

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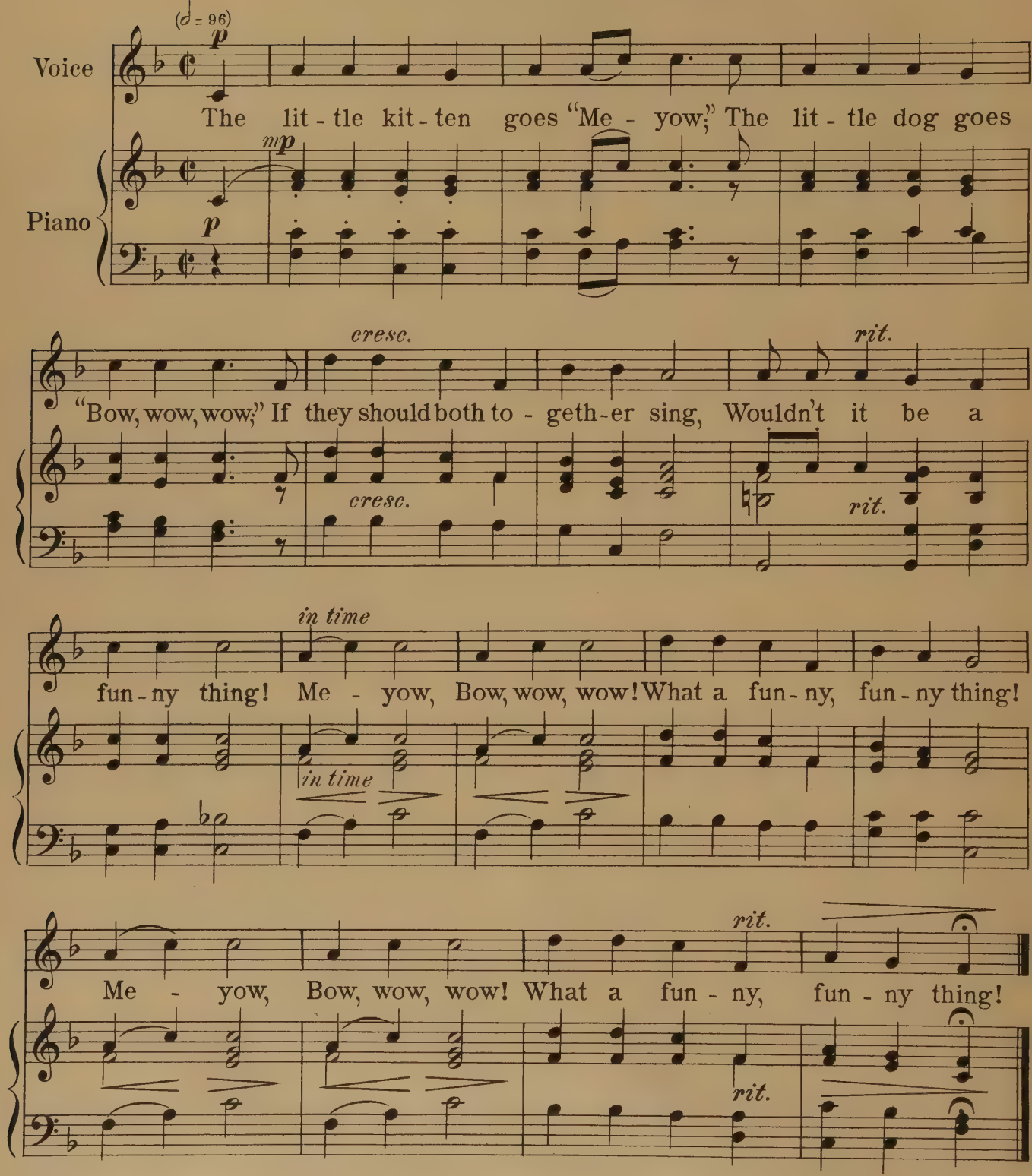
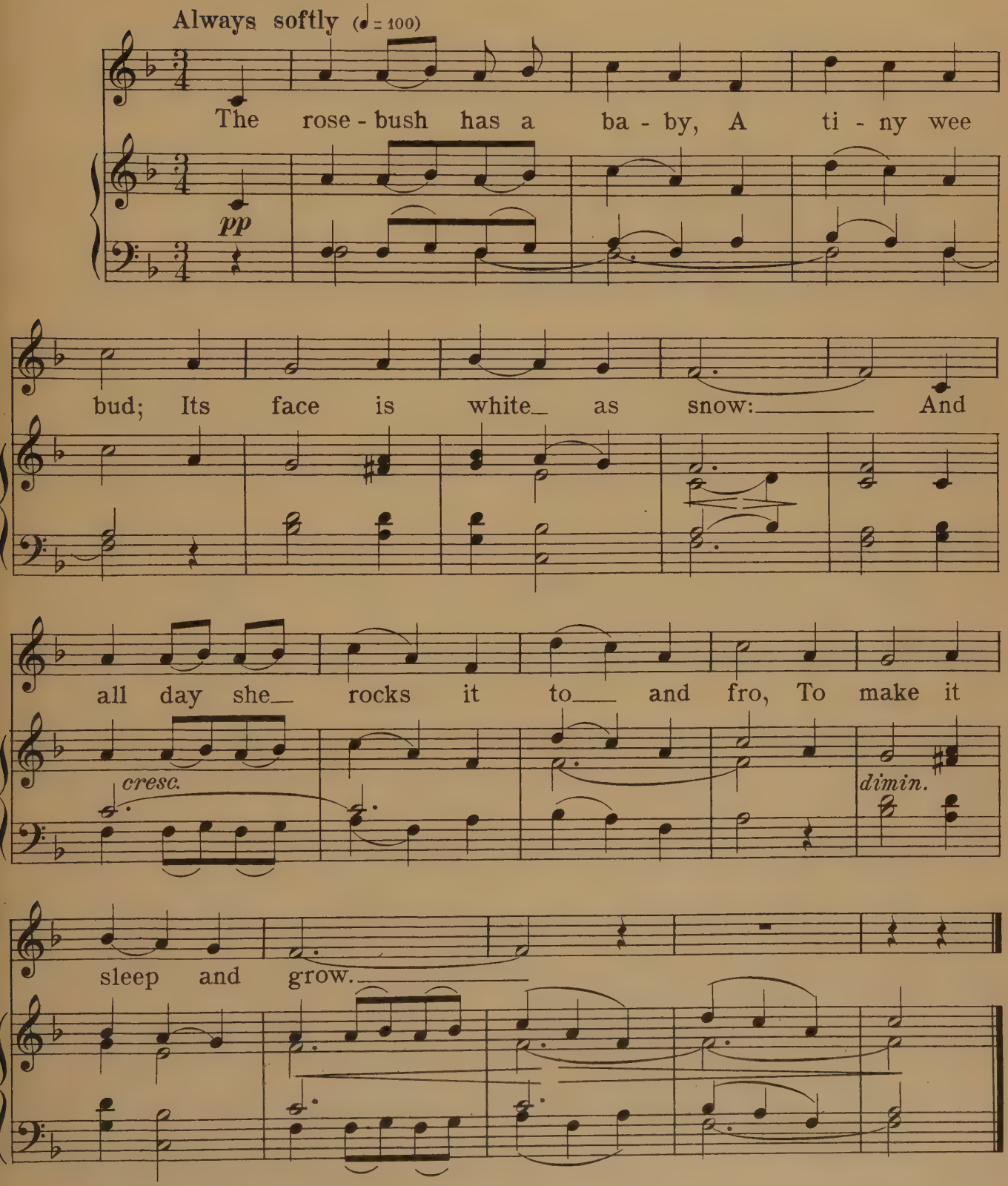
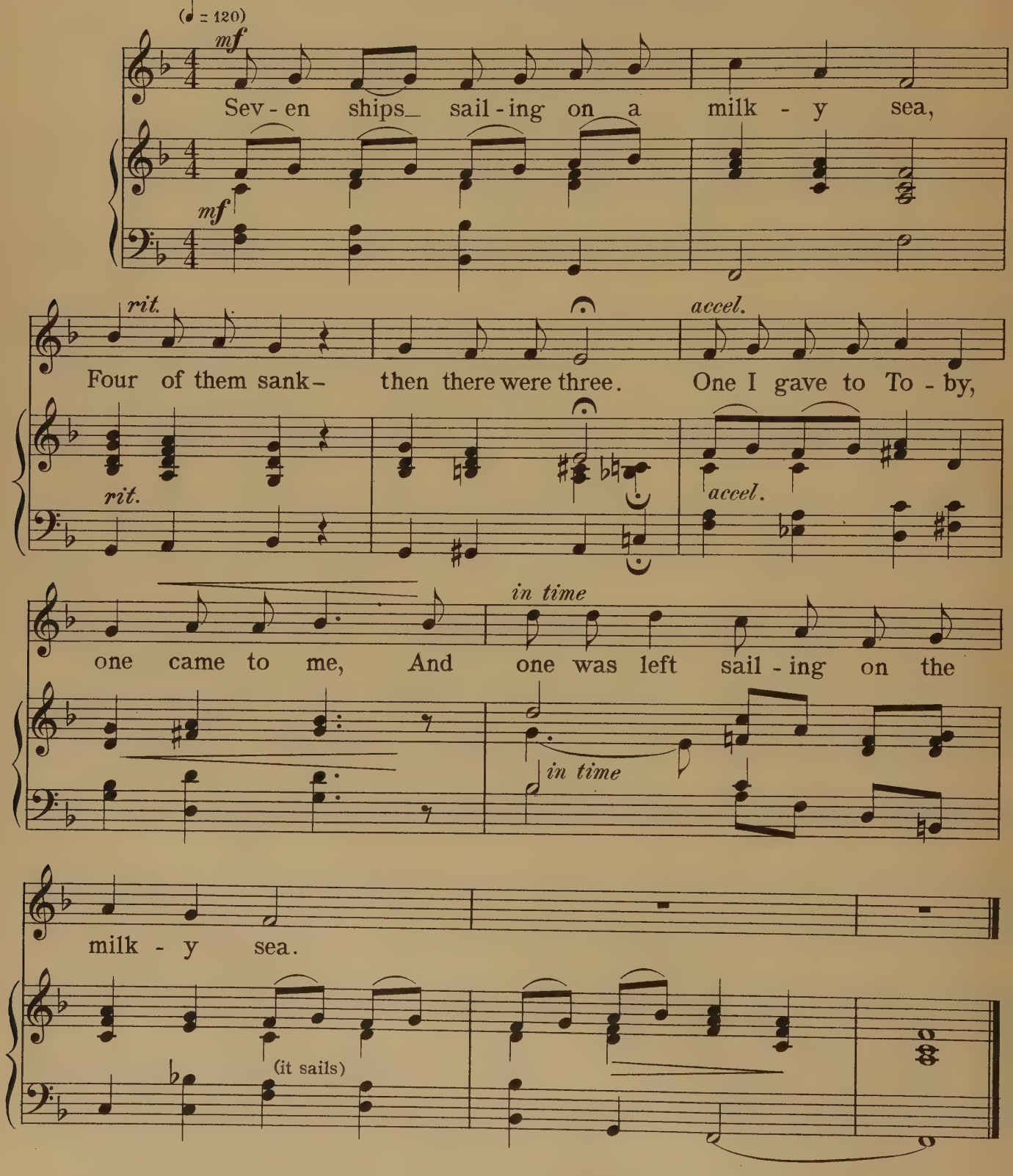

(♩ = 96)
p
Voice
The lit - tle kit - ten goes "Me - yow;" The lit - tle dog goes
mp
Piano
p
cresc.
rit.
"Bow, wow, wow;" If they should both to - geth - er sing, Wouldn't it be a
cresc.
rit.
in time
fun - ny thing! Me - yow, Bow, wow, wow! What a fun - ny, fun - ny thing!
in time
rit.
Me - yow, Bow, wow, wow! What a fun - ny, fun - ny thing!
rit.

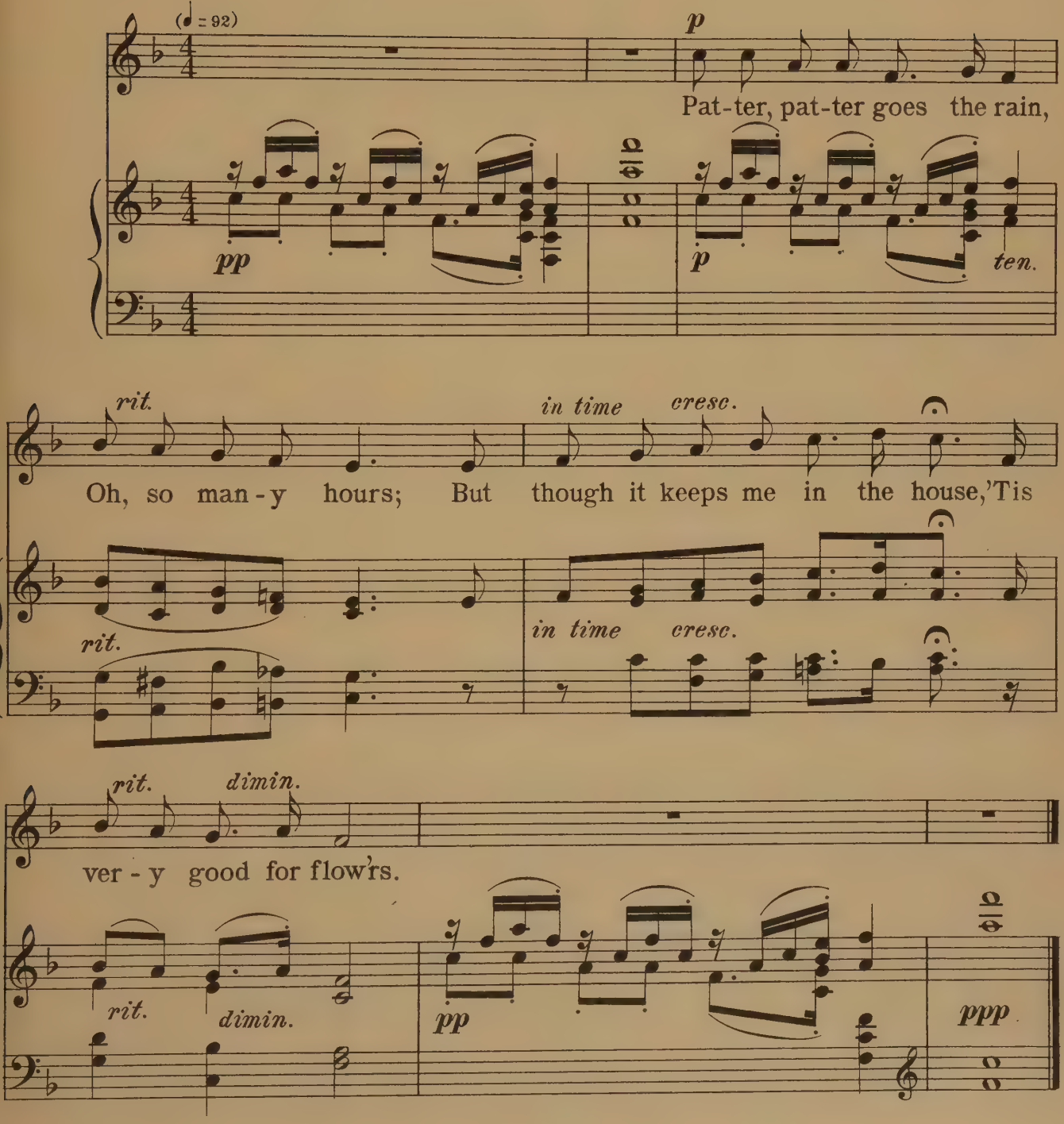
The Rose-bush's Baby


Always softly (♩ = 100)
The rose-bush has a ba-by, A ti-ny wee
pp
bud; Its face is white as snow: And
all day she rocks it to and fro, To make it
cresc.
dimin.
sleep and grow.

A Bowl of Bread and Milk


(♩ = 120)
mf
Sev - en ships sail - ing on a milk - y sea,
rit.
accel.
Four of them sank - then there were three. One I gave to To - by,
in time
one came to me, And one was left sail - ing on the
milk - y sea.
(it sails)

The Rainy Day



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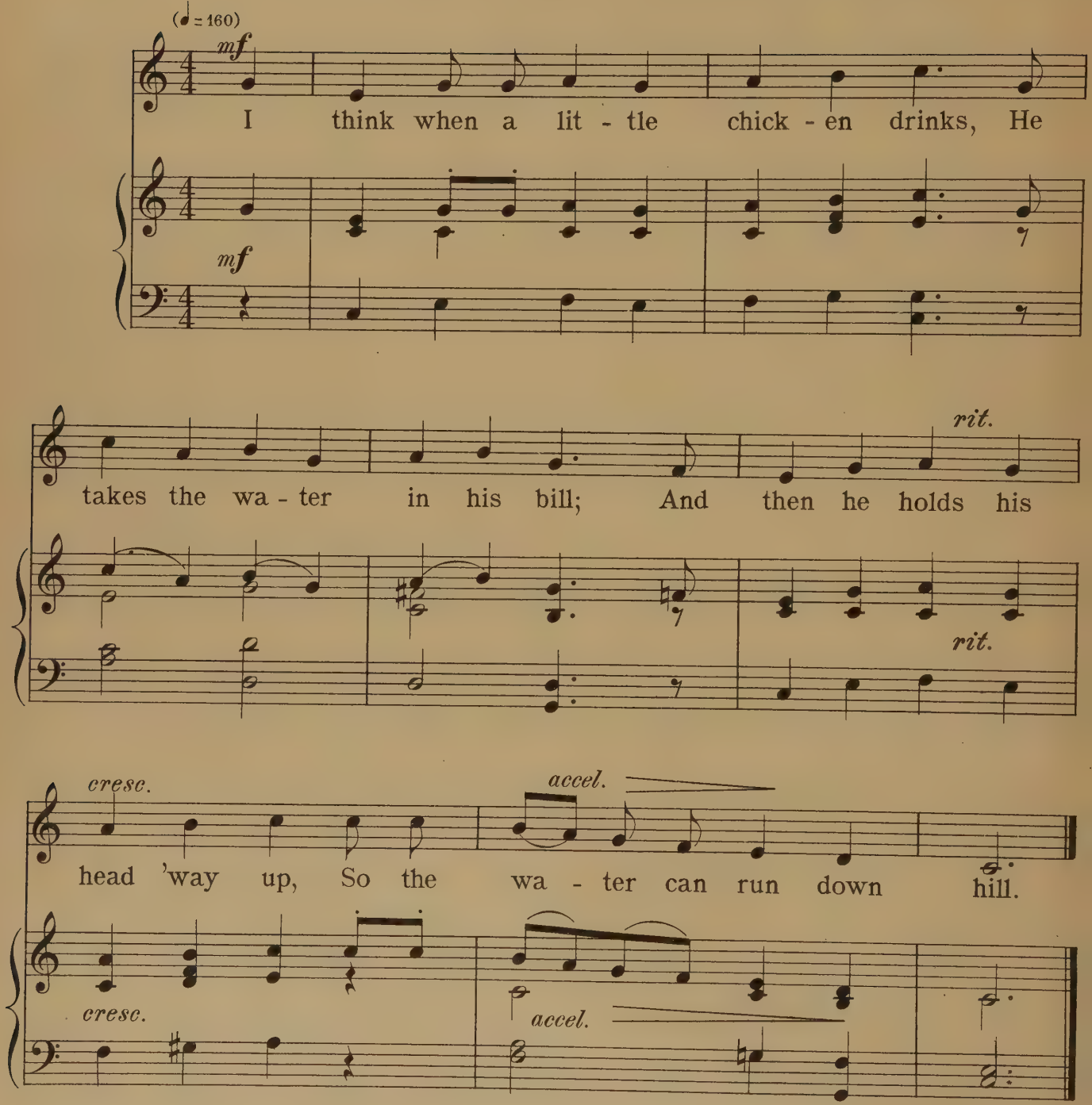
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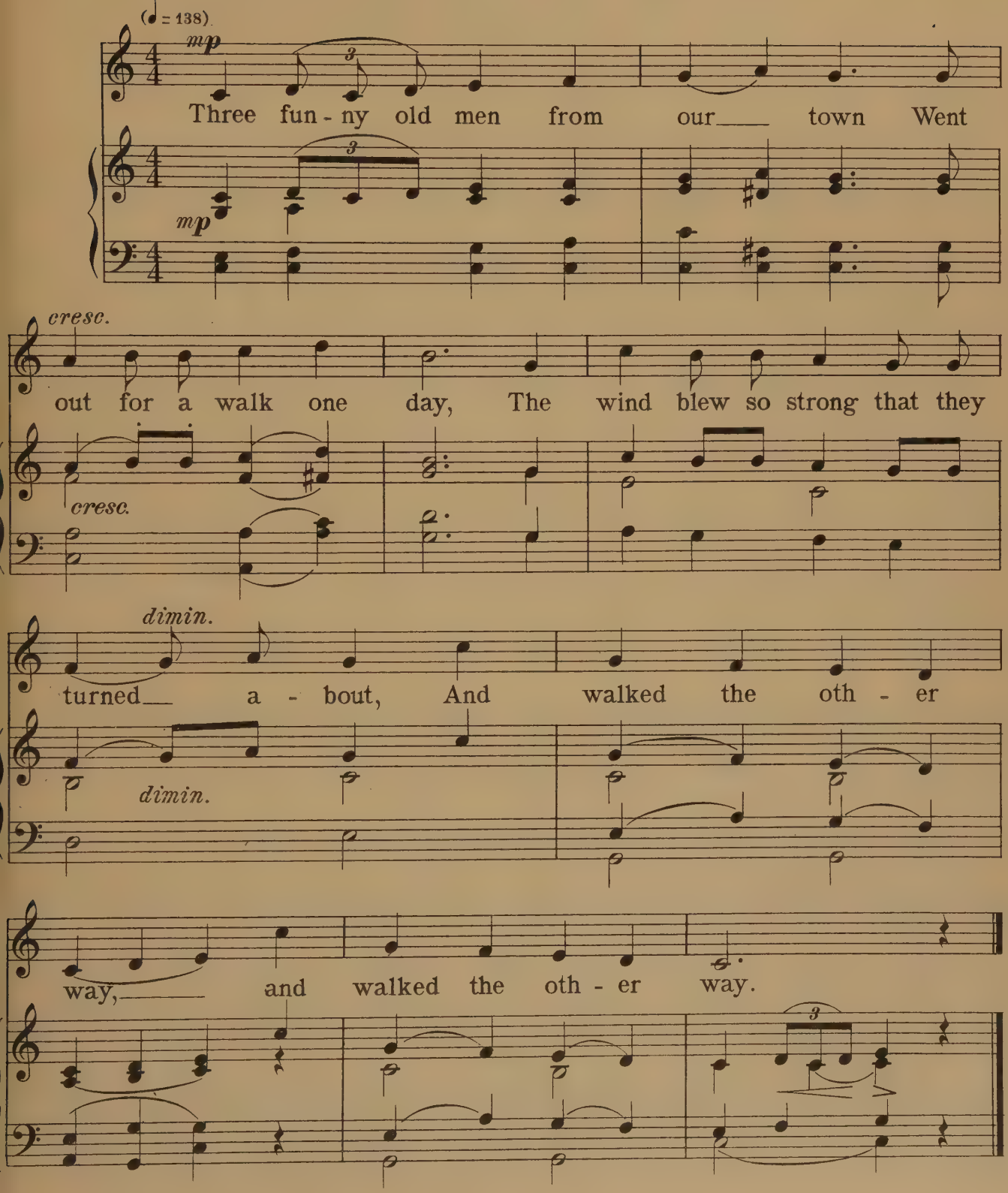
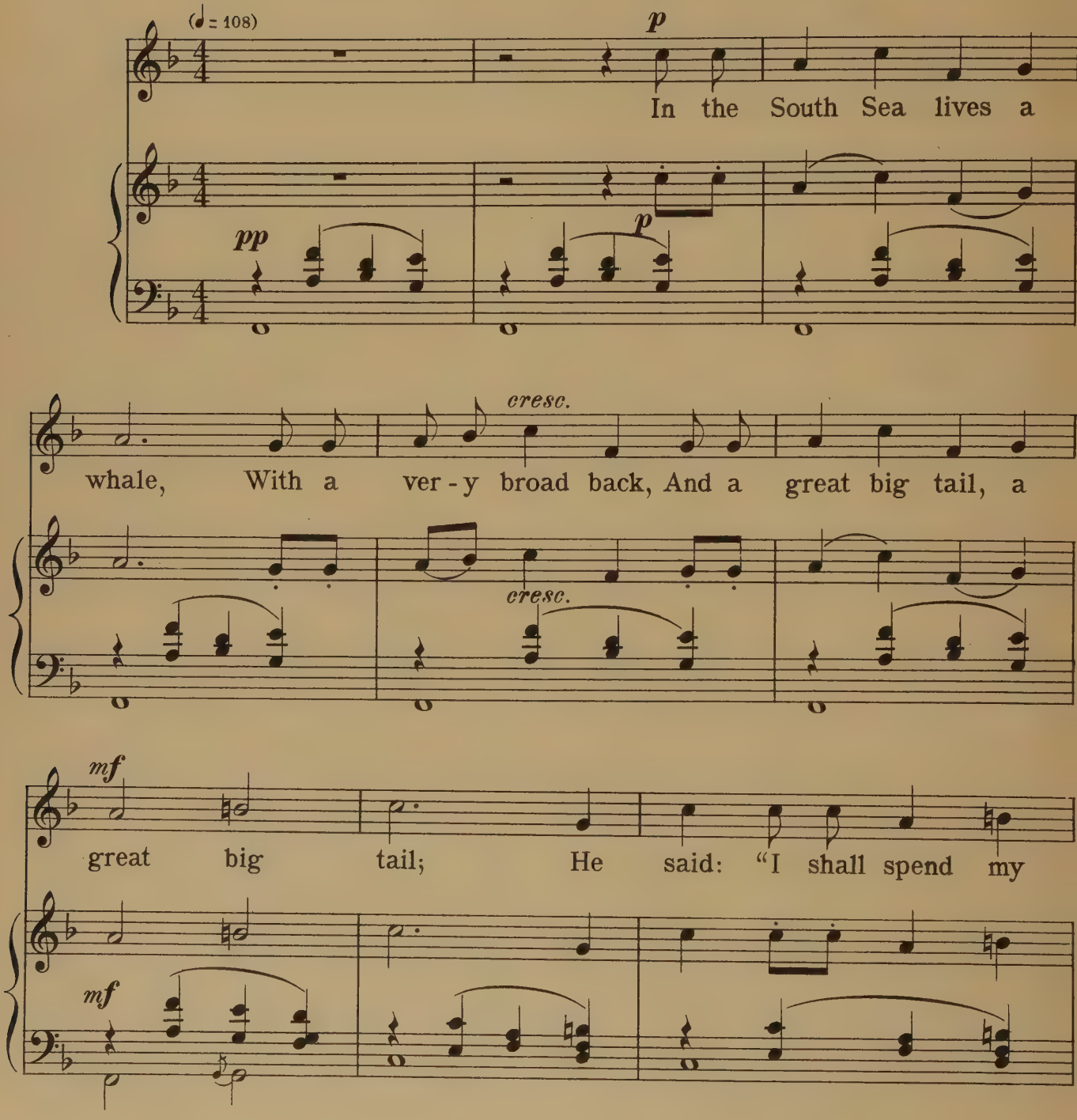
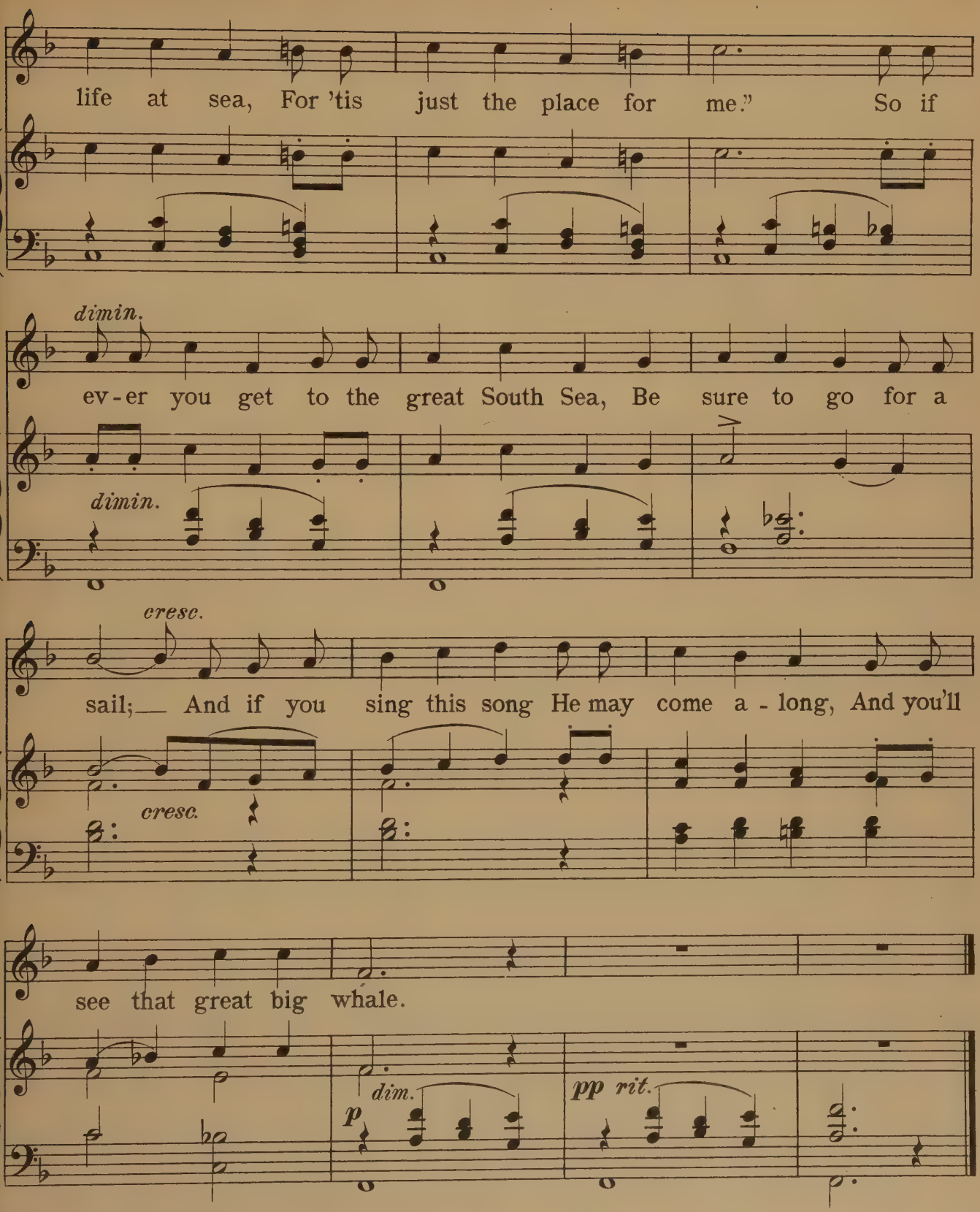
mf
I think when a lit - tle chick - en drinks, He
mf
takes the wa - ter in his bill; And then he holds his
rit.
rit.
cresc.
accel.
head 'way up, So the wa - ter can run down hill.
cresc.
accel.

Three Funny Old Men

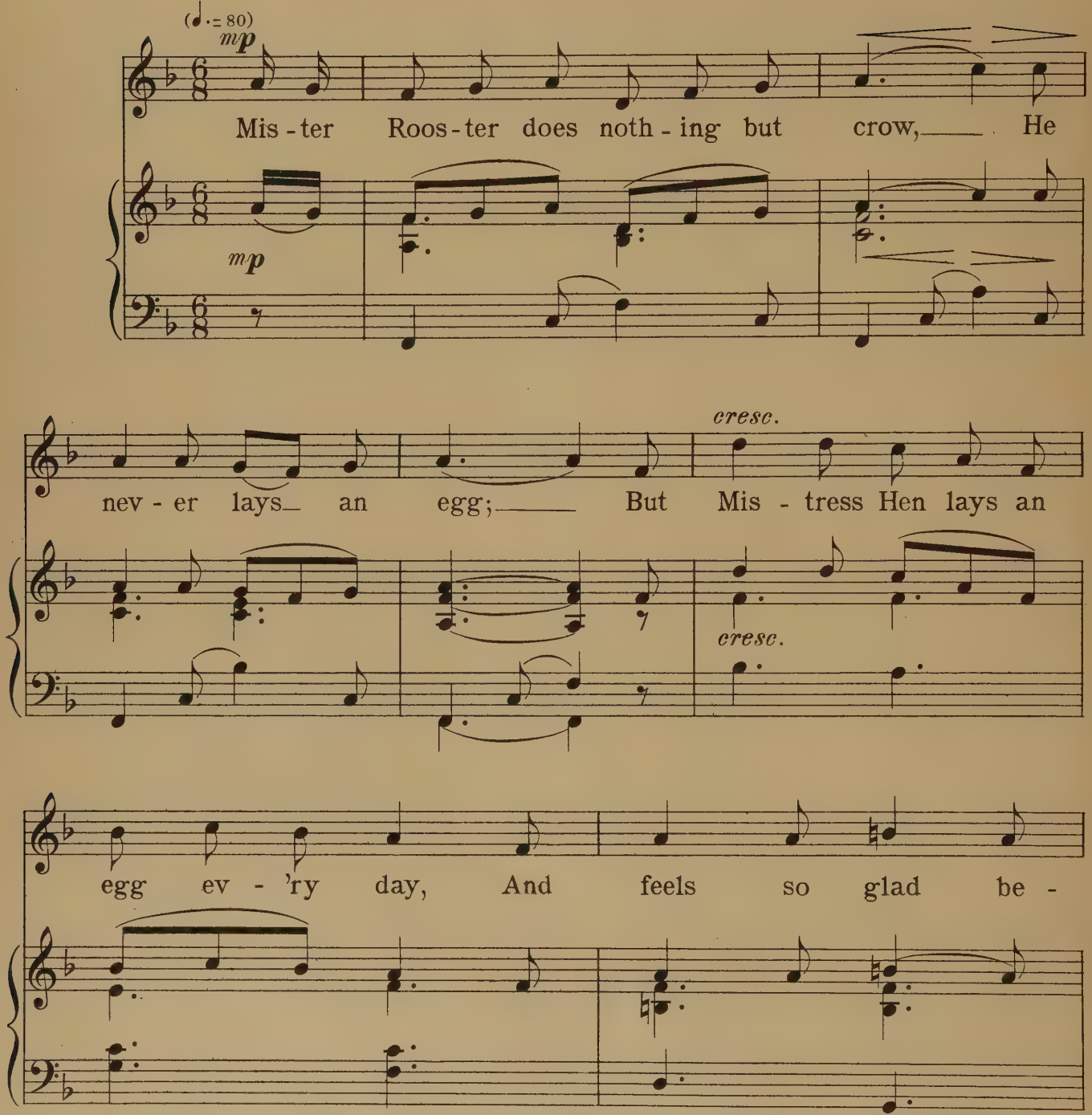

(♩ = 138)
mp
Three fun - ny old men from our town Went
mp
cresc.
out for a walk one day, The wind blew so strong that they
cresc.
dimin.
turned a - bout, And walked the oth - er
dimin.
way, and walked the oth - er way.

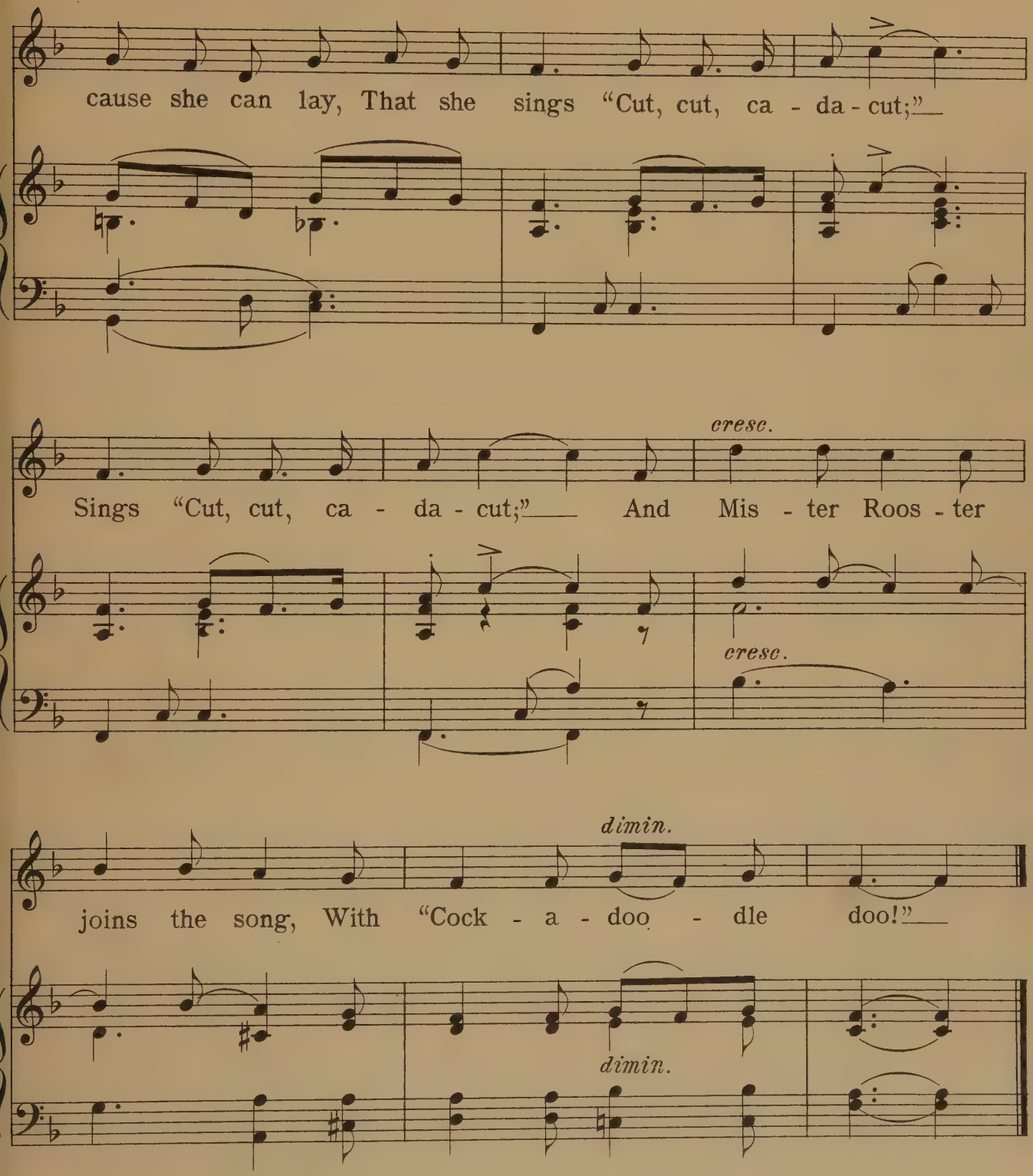
The Whale


(♩= 108)
p
In the South Sea lives a
pp
p
cresc.
whale, With a ver - y broad back, And a great big tail, a
cresc.
mf
great big tail; He said: "I shall spend my
mf

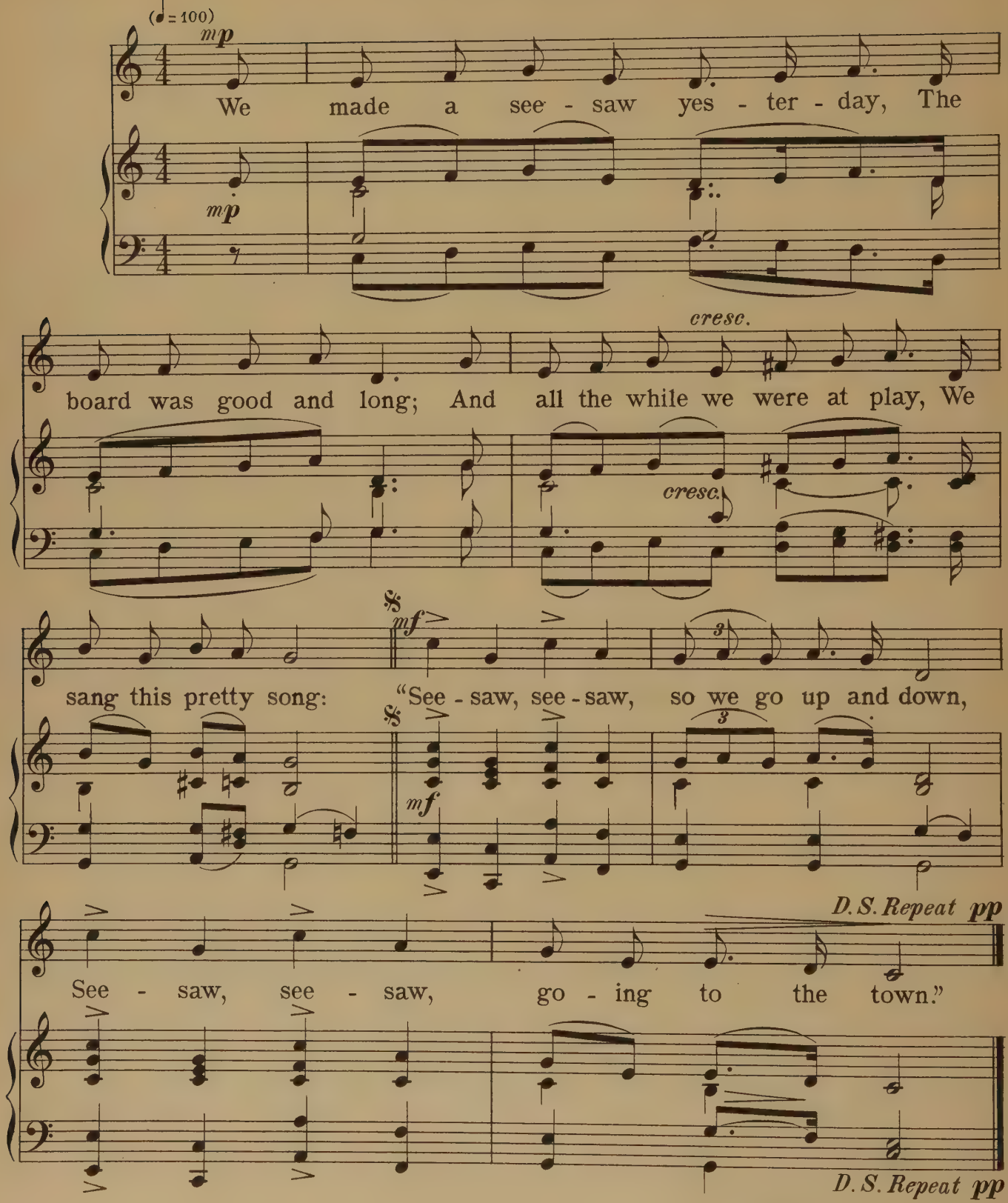

life at sea, For 'tis just the place for me." So if
dimin.
ev-er you get to the great South Sea, Be sure to go for a
dimin.
cresc.
sail;— And if you sing this song He may come a-long, And you'll
cresc.
see that great big whale.
p
dim.
pp rit.

Mr. Rooster and Mrs. Hen

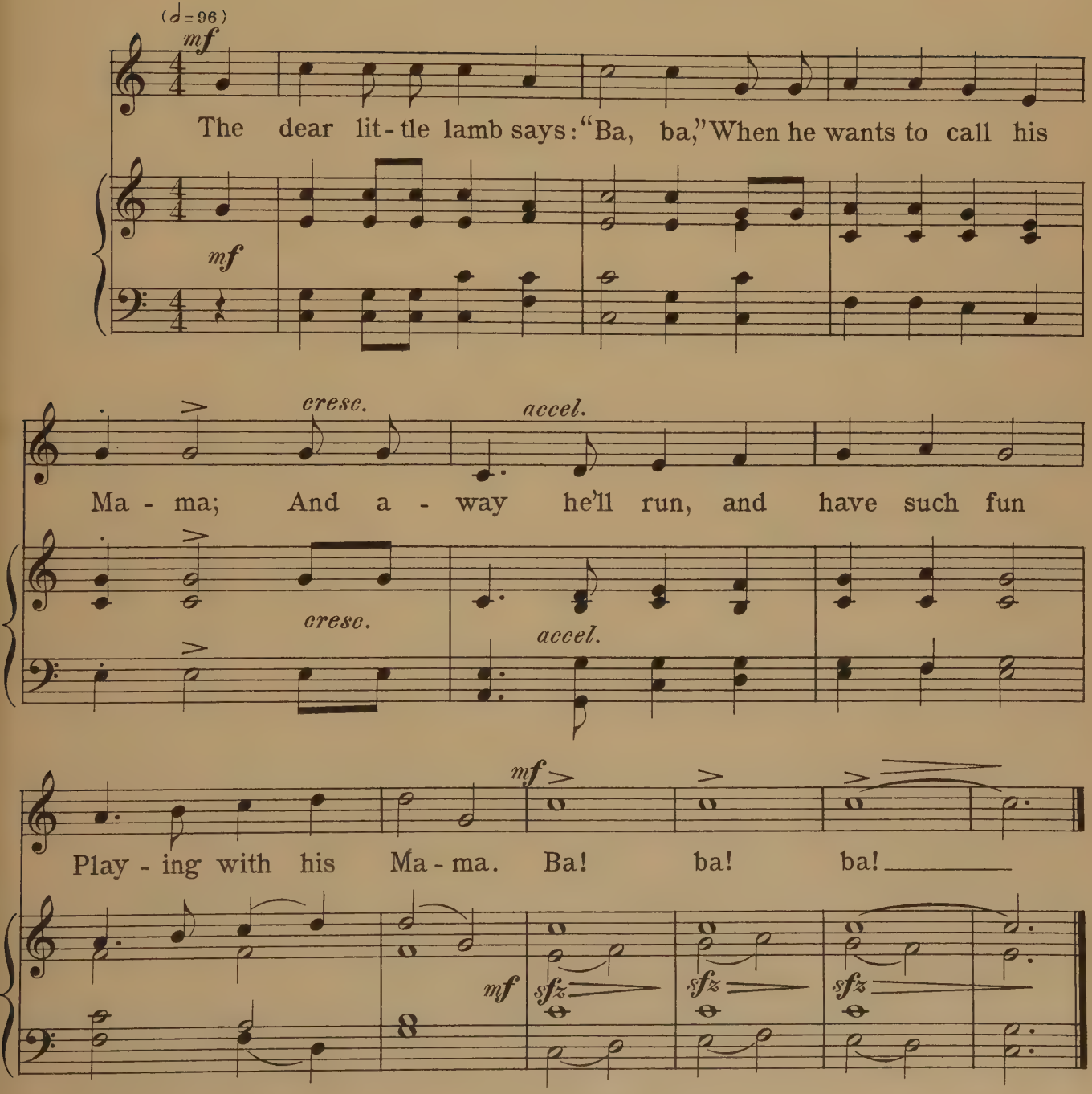

(♩.= 80)
mp
Mis - ter Roos - ter does noth - ing but crow, He
mp
nev - er lays an egg; But Mis - tress Hen lays an
cresc.
cresc.
egg ev - 'ry day, And feels so glad be -


cause she can lay, That she sings "Cut, cut, ca - da - cut;"
Sings "Cut, cut, ca - da - cut;" And Mis - ter Roos - ter
cresc.
cresc.
joins the song, With "Cock - a - doo - dle doo!"
dimin.
dimin.

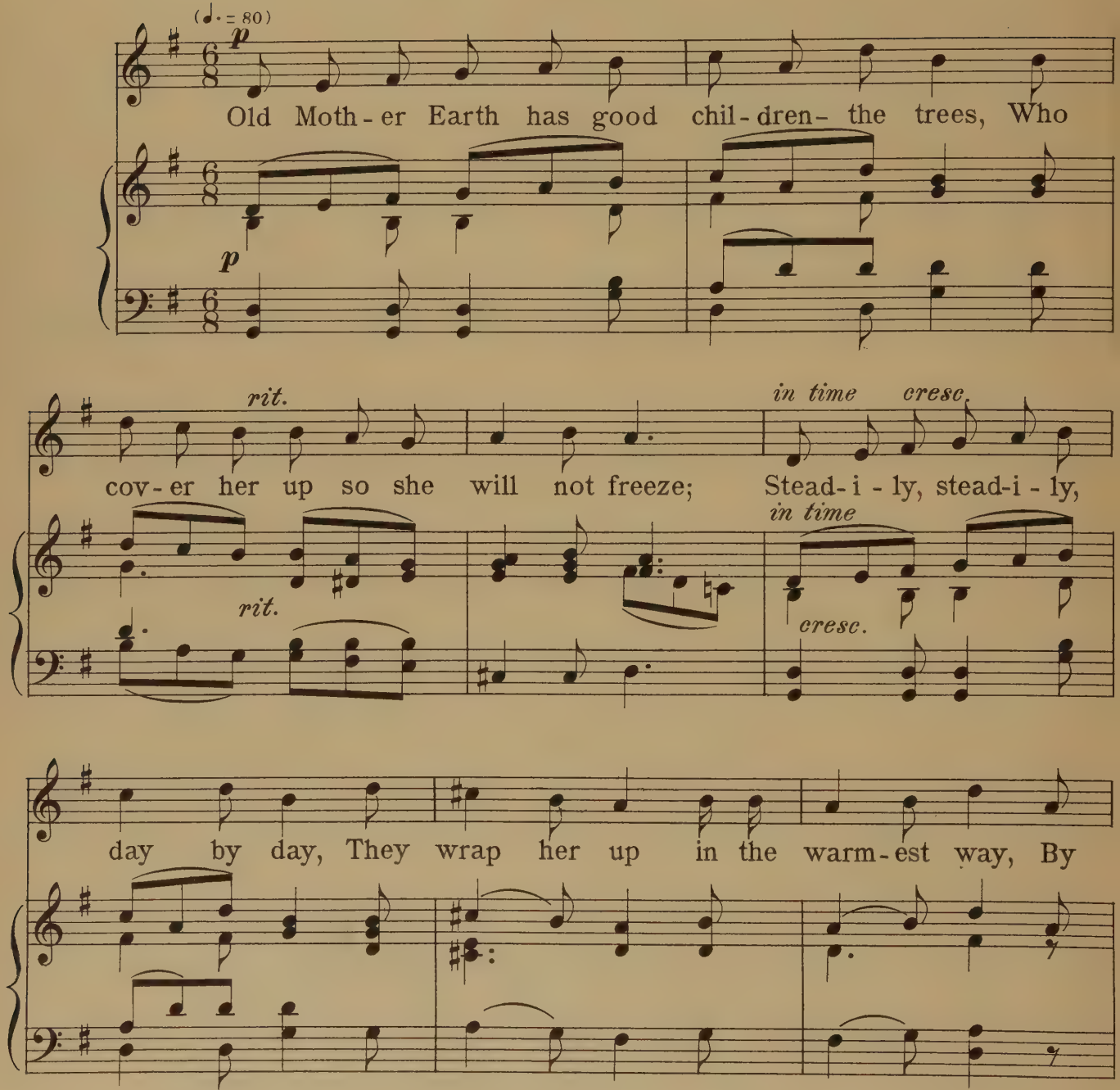
The See-Saw

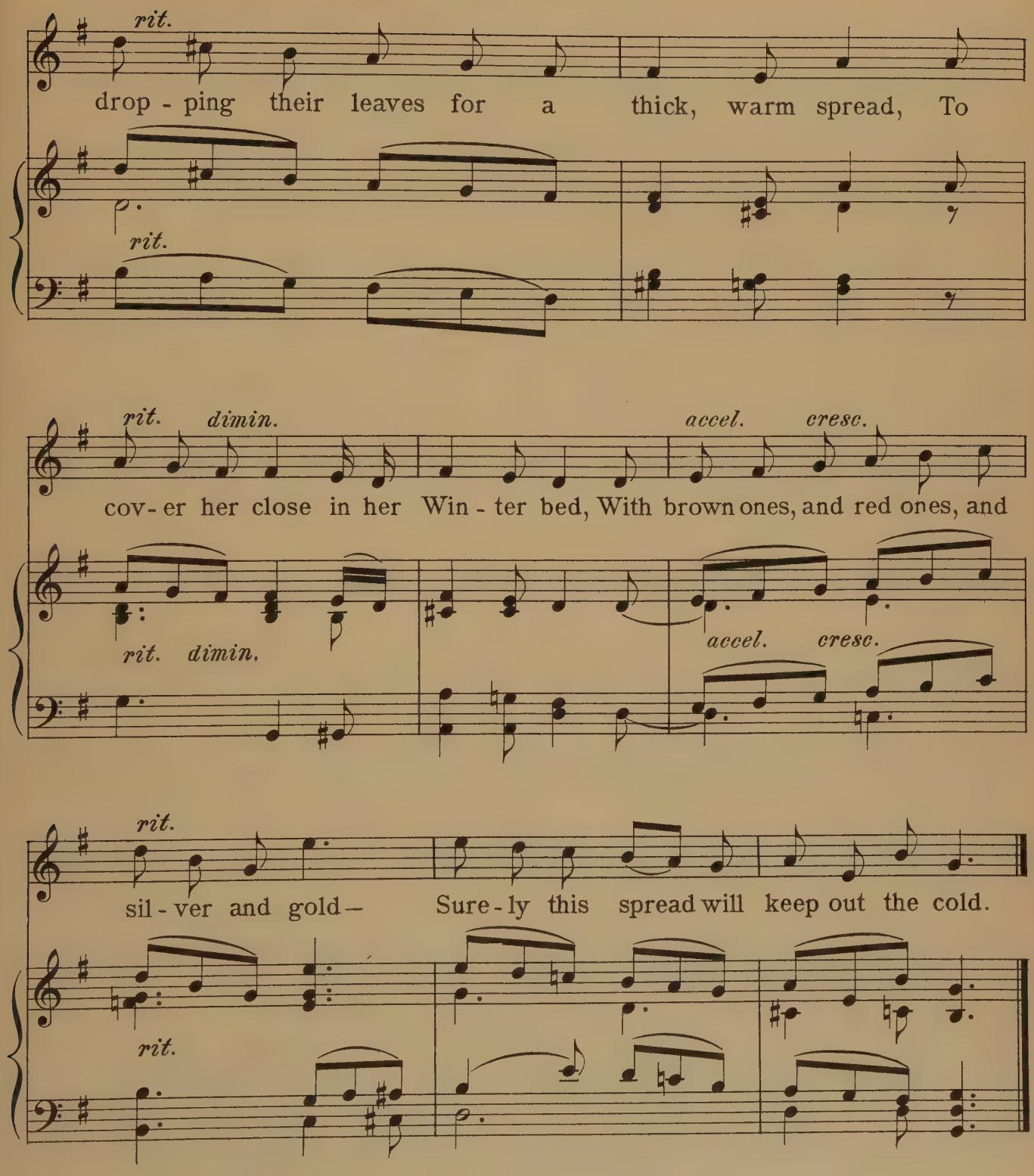

(♩= 100)
mp
We made a see - saw yes - ter - day, The
mp
cresc.
board was good and long; And all the while we were at play, We
cresc.
mf
sang this pretty song: "See - saw, see - saw, so we go up and down,
mf
D. S. Repeat pp
See - saw, see - saw, go - ing to the town."
D. S. Repeat pp

The Little Lamb

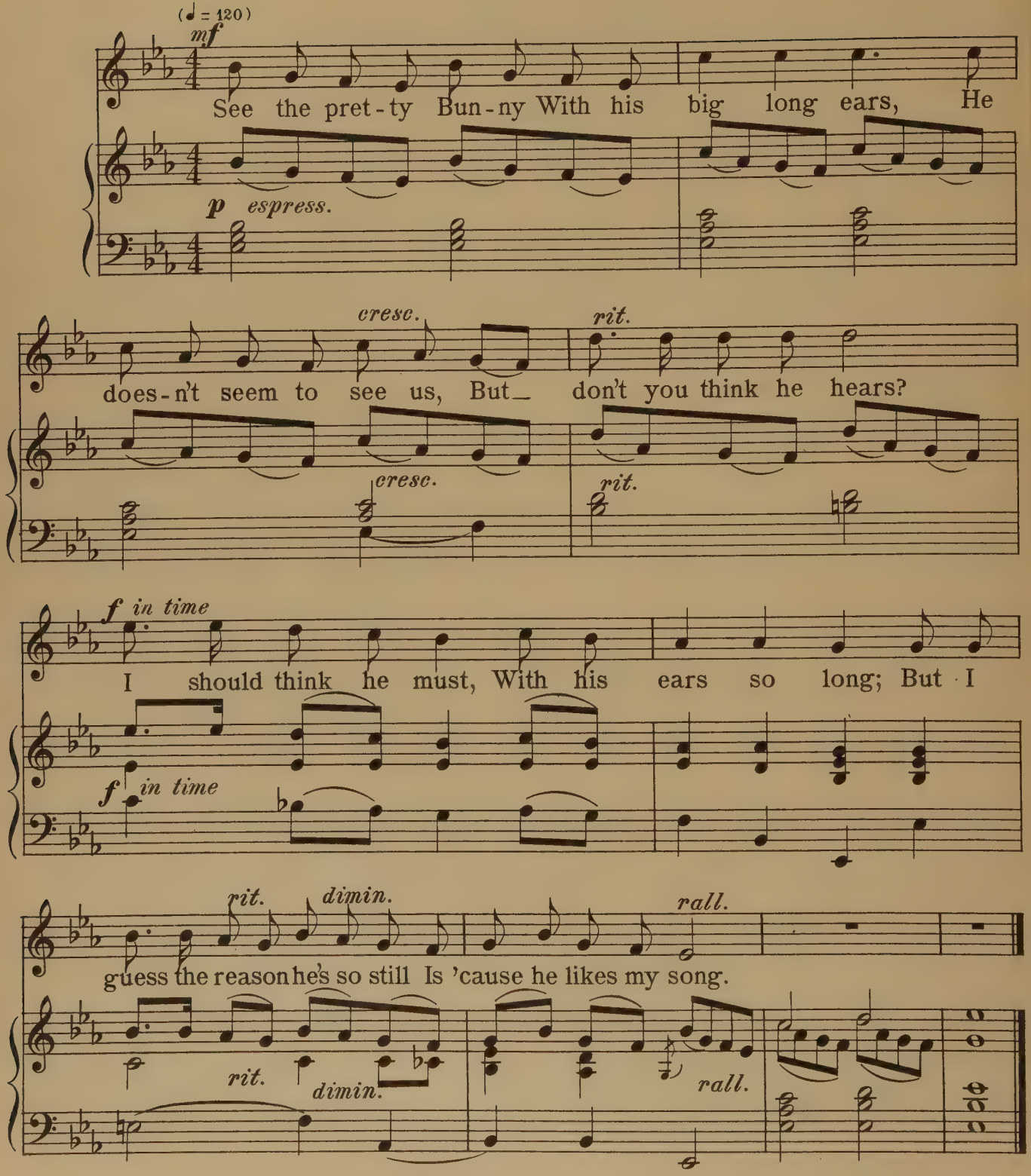


The Falling Leaves

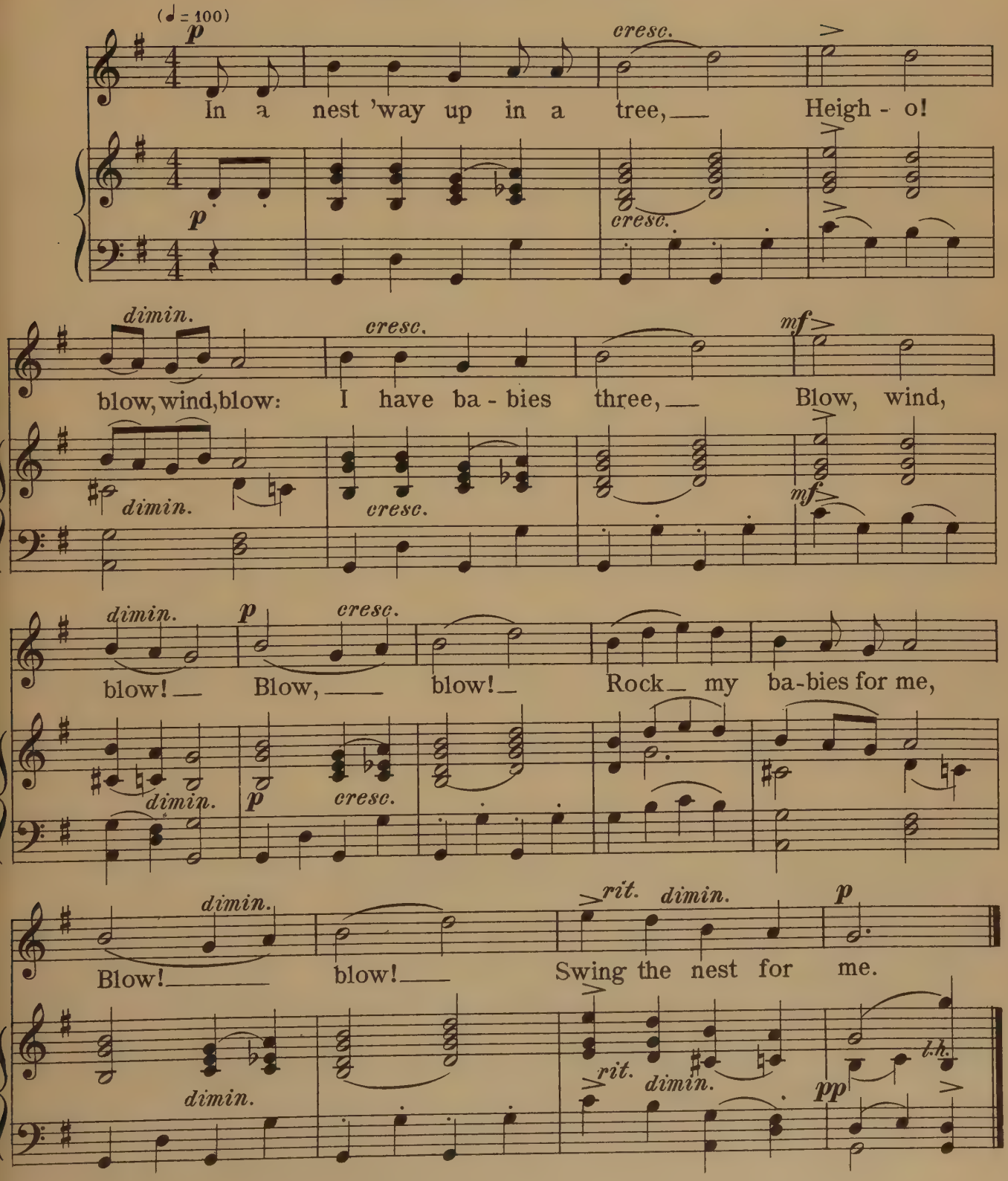



rit.
drop - ping their leaves for a thick, warm spread, To
rit.
rit. dimin.
accel. cresc.
cov - er her close in her Win - ter bed, With brown ones, and red ones, and
rit. dimin.
accel. cresc.
rit.
sil - ver and gold — Sure - ly this spread will keep out the cold.
rit.

The Bunny


(♩ = 120)
mf
See the pret-ty Bun-ny With his big long ears, He
p espress.
cresc.
rit.
does-n't seem to see us, But_ don't you think he hears?
cresc.
rit.
f in time
I should think he must, With his ears so long; But I
f in time
rit.
dimin.
rall.
guess the reason he's so still Is 'cause he likes my song.
rit.
dimin.
rall.

The Robin's Song



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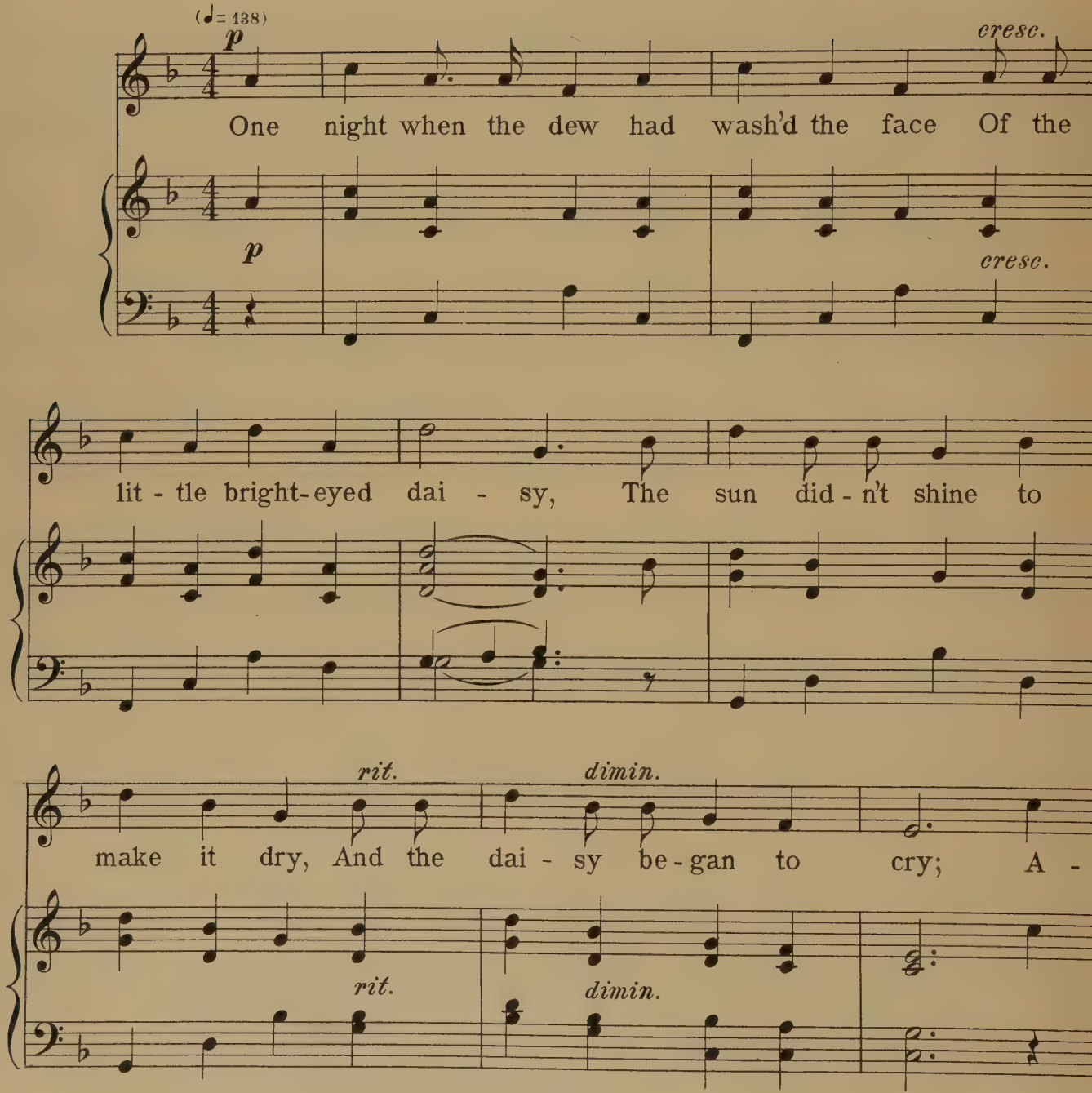
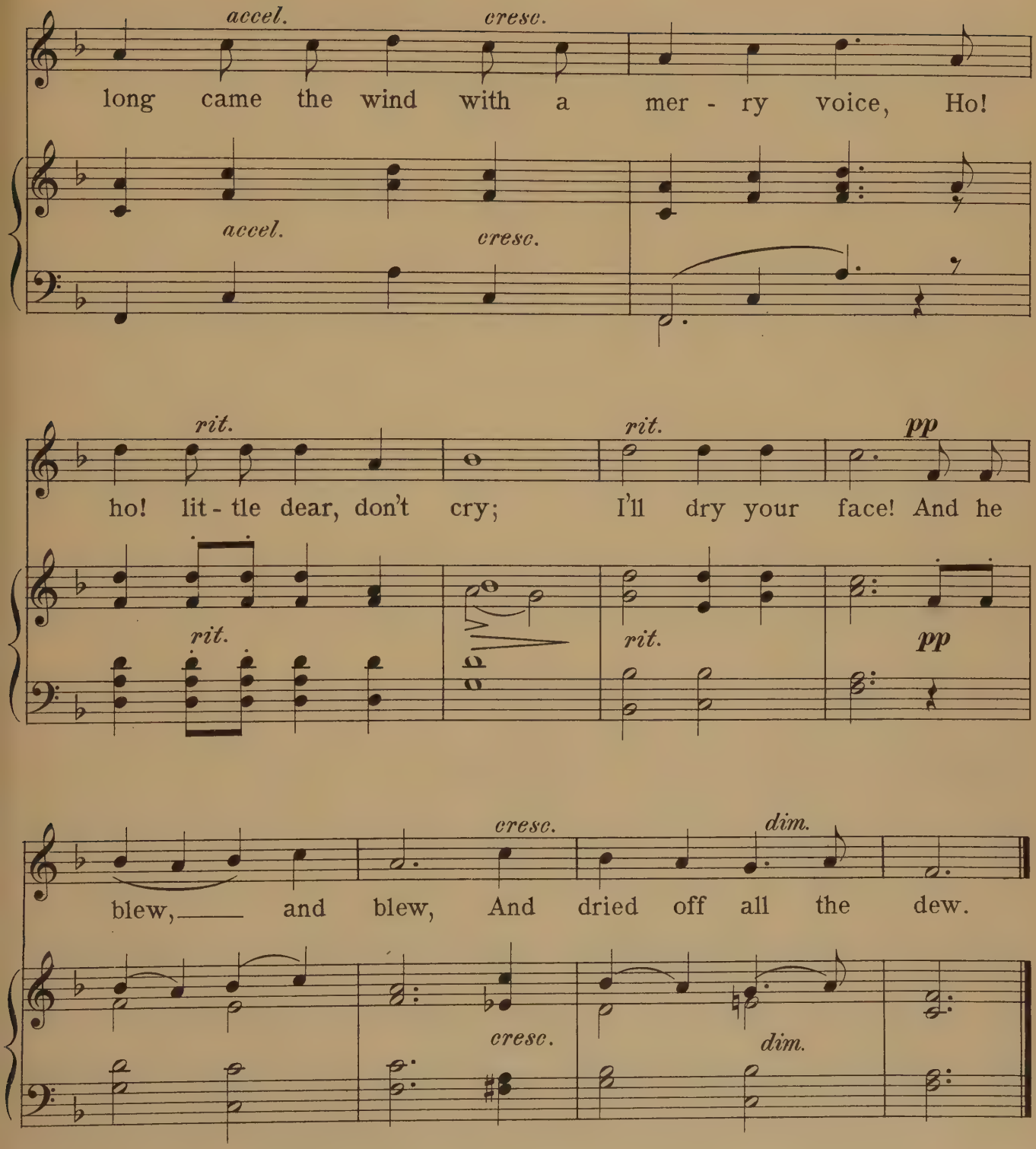
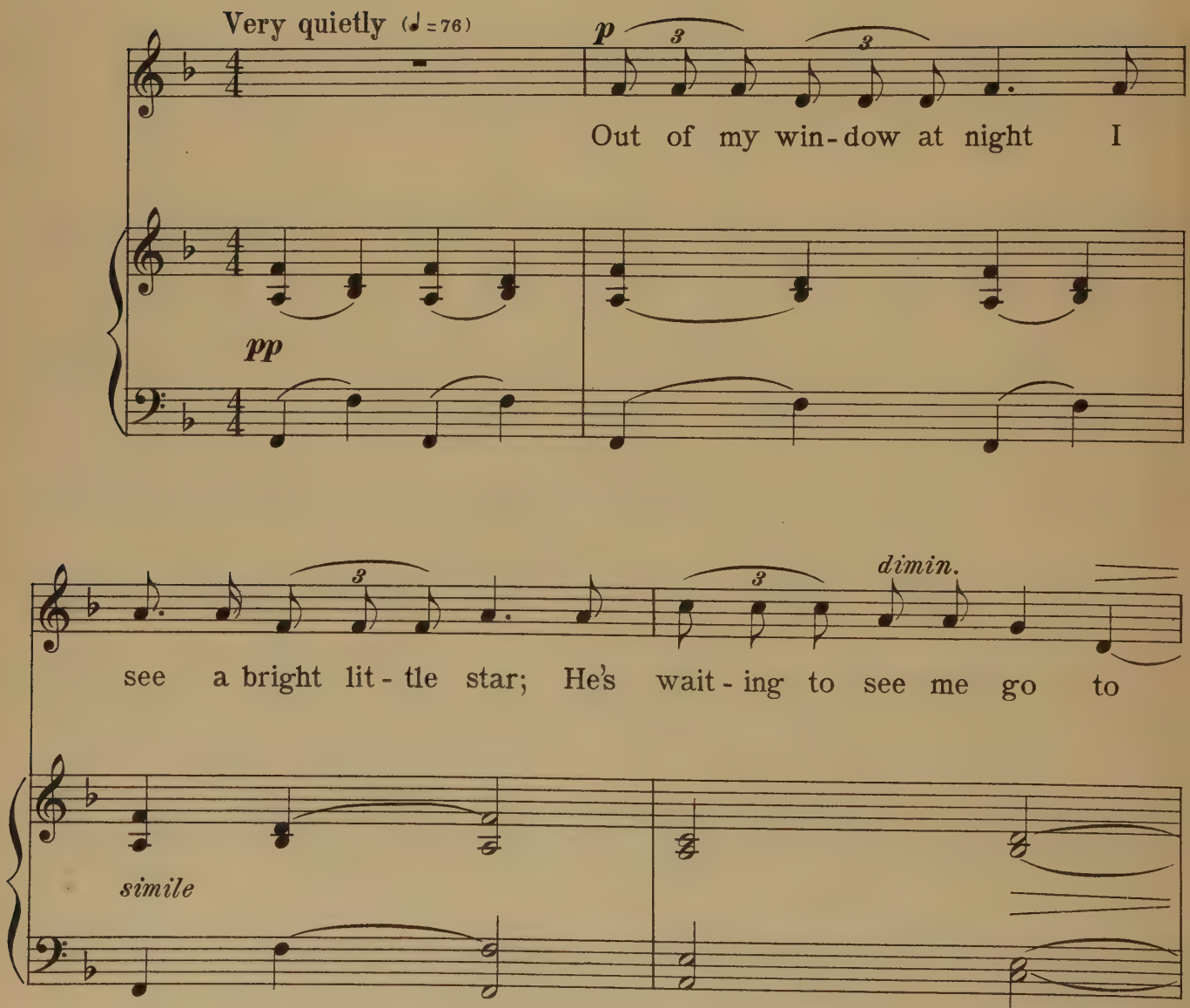
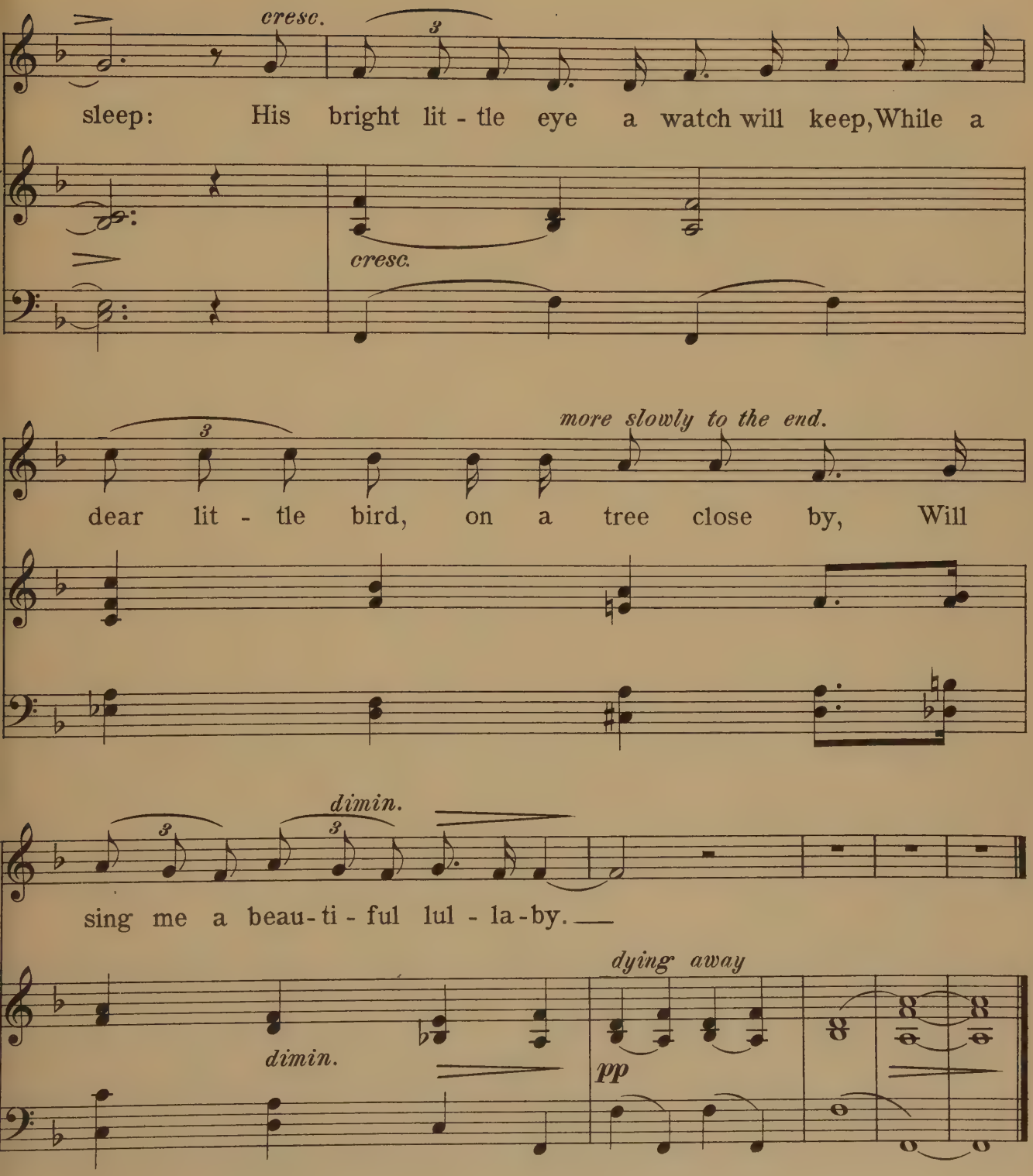

(♩= 138)
p
cresc.
One night when the dew had wash'd the face Of the
p
cresc.
lit - tle bright-eyed dai - sy, The sun did - n't shine to
rit.
dimin.
make it dry, And the dai - sy be - gan to cry; A -
rit.
dimin.

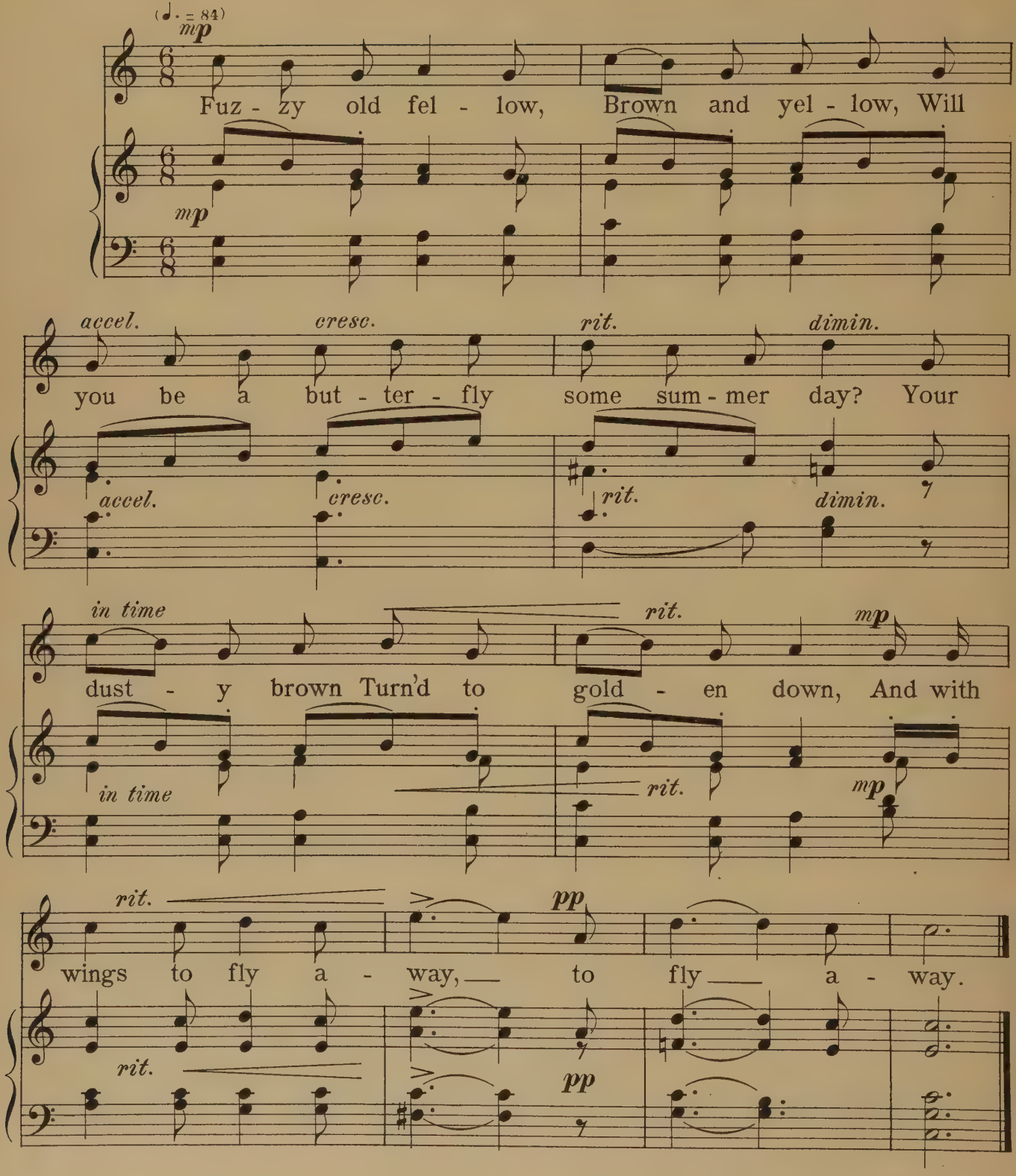

accel.
cresc.
long came the wind with a mer - ry voice, Ho!
accel.
cresc.
rit.
rit.
pp
ho! lit - tle dear, don't cry; I'll dry your face! And he
rit.
rit.
pp
cresc.
dim.
blew, and blew, And dried off all the dew.
cresc.
dim.

The Evening Star




cresc.
sleep: His bright lit - tle eye a watch will keep, While a
cresc.
more slowly to the end.
dear lit - tle bird, on a tree close by, Will
dimin.
sing me a beau - ti - ful lul - la - by.
dying away
dimin.
pp

The Caterpillar



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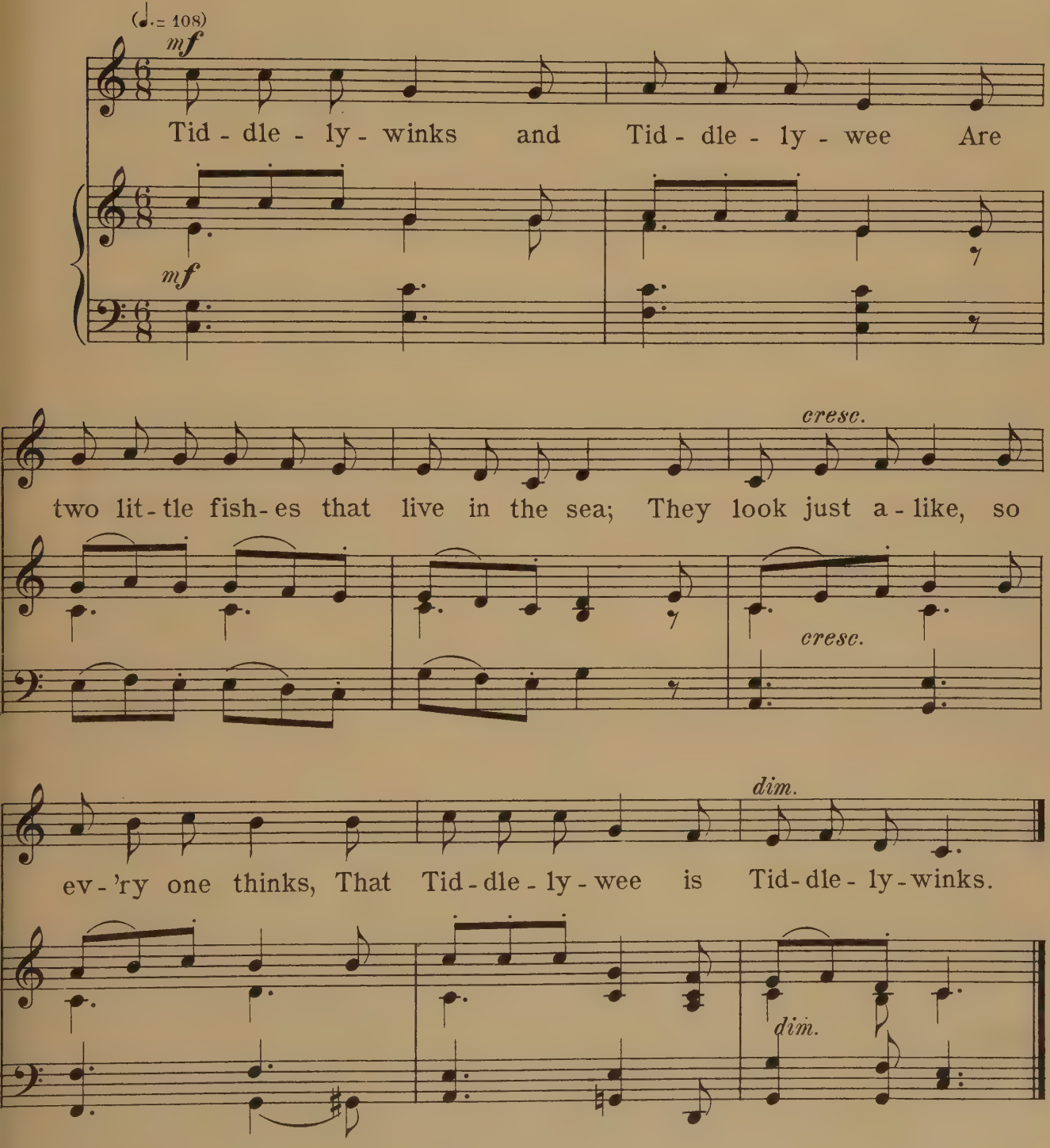
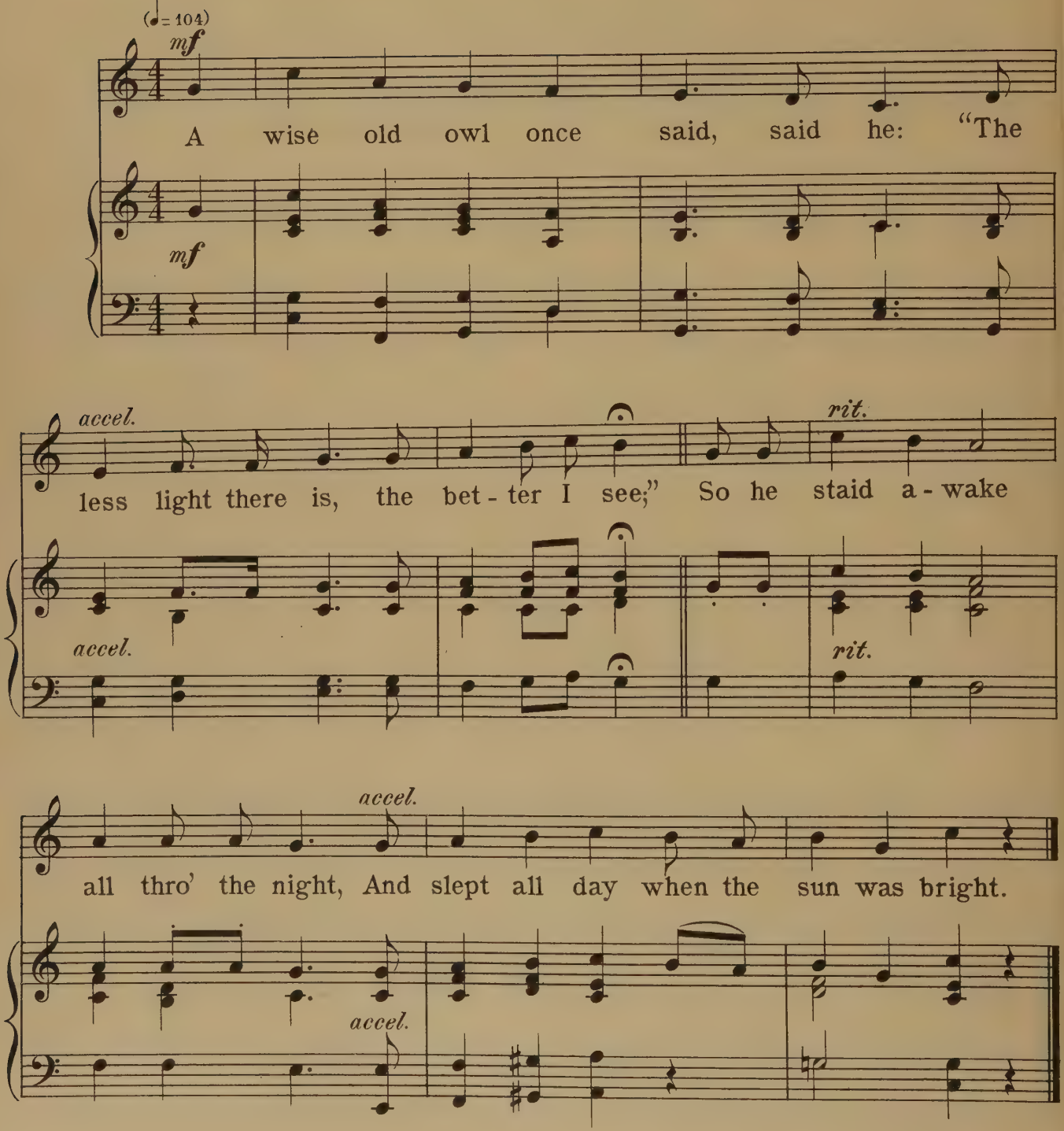
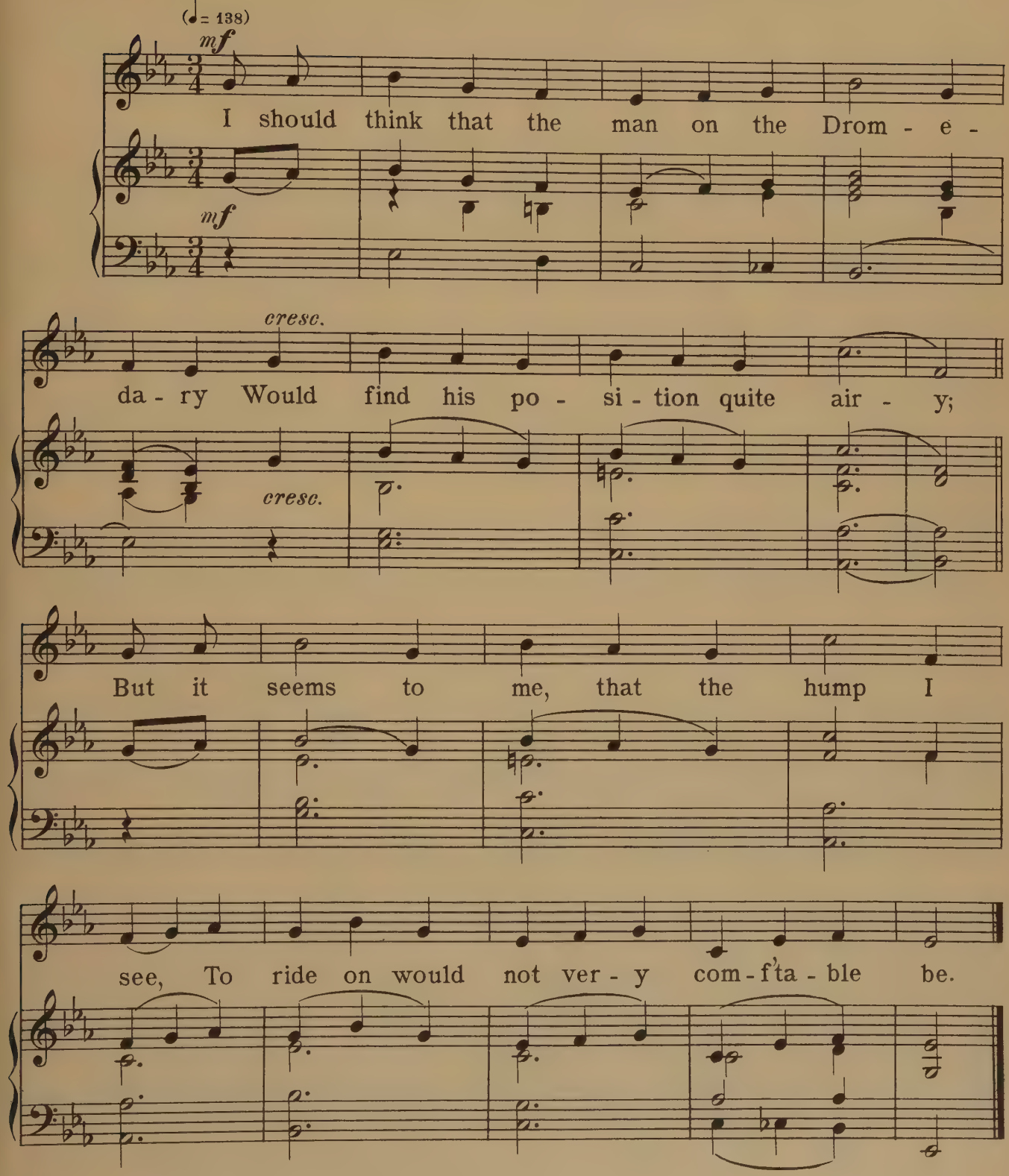

(♩.= 108)
mf
Tid - dle - ly - winks and Tid - dle - ly - wee Are
mf
cresc.
two lit - tle fish - es that live in the sea; They look just a - like, so
cresc.
dim.
ev - 'ry one thinks, That Tid - dle - ly - wee is Tid - dle - ly - winks.
dim.

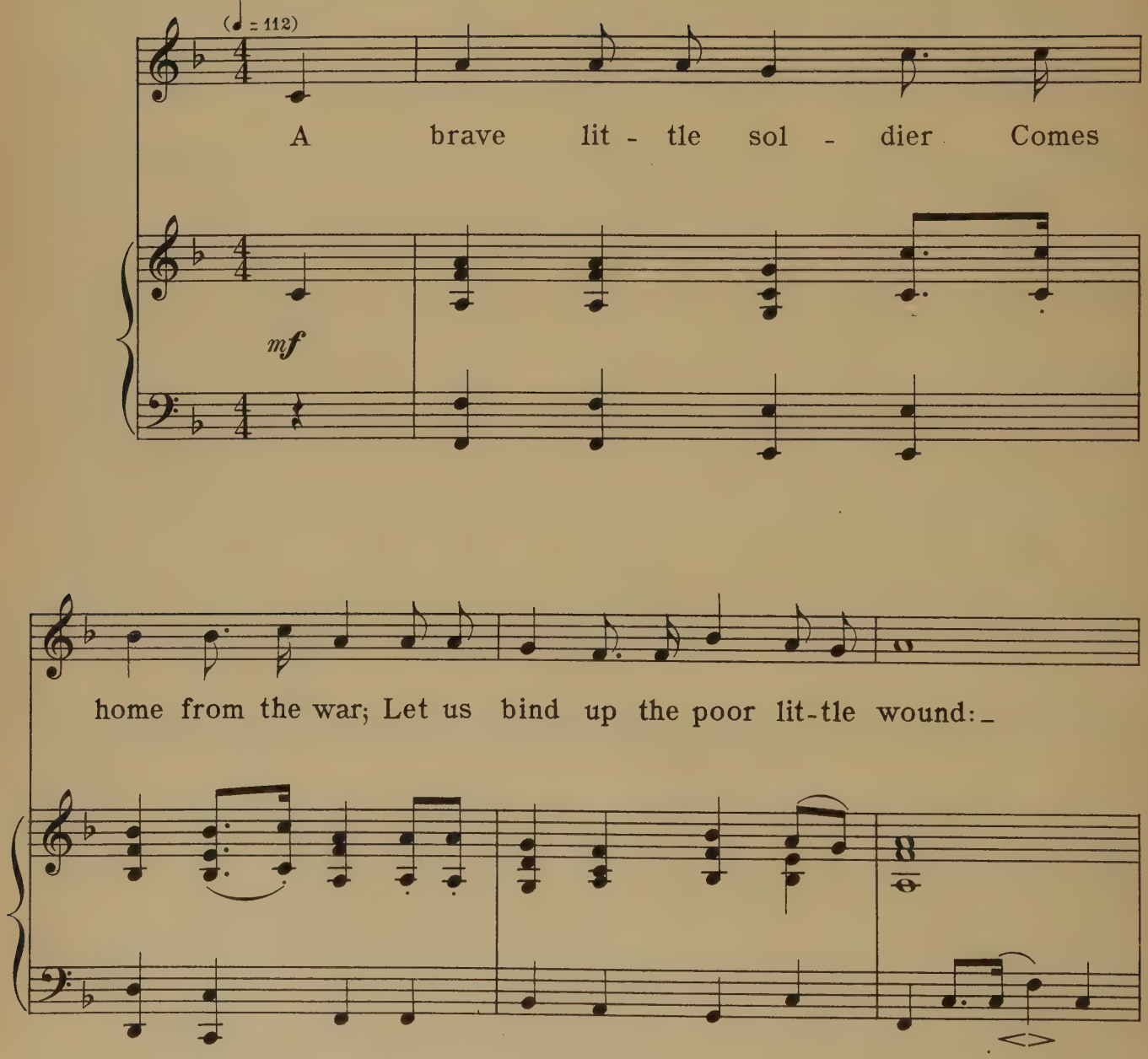
The Wise Old Owl

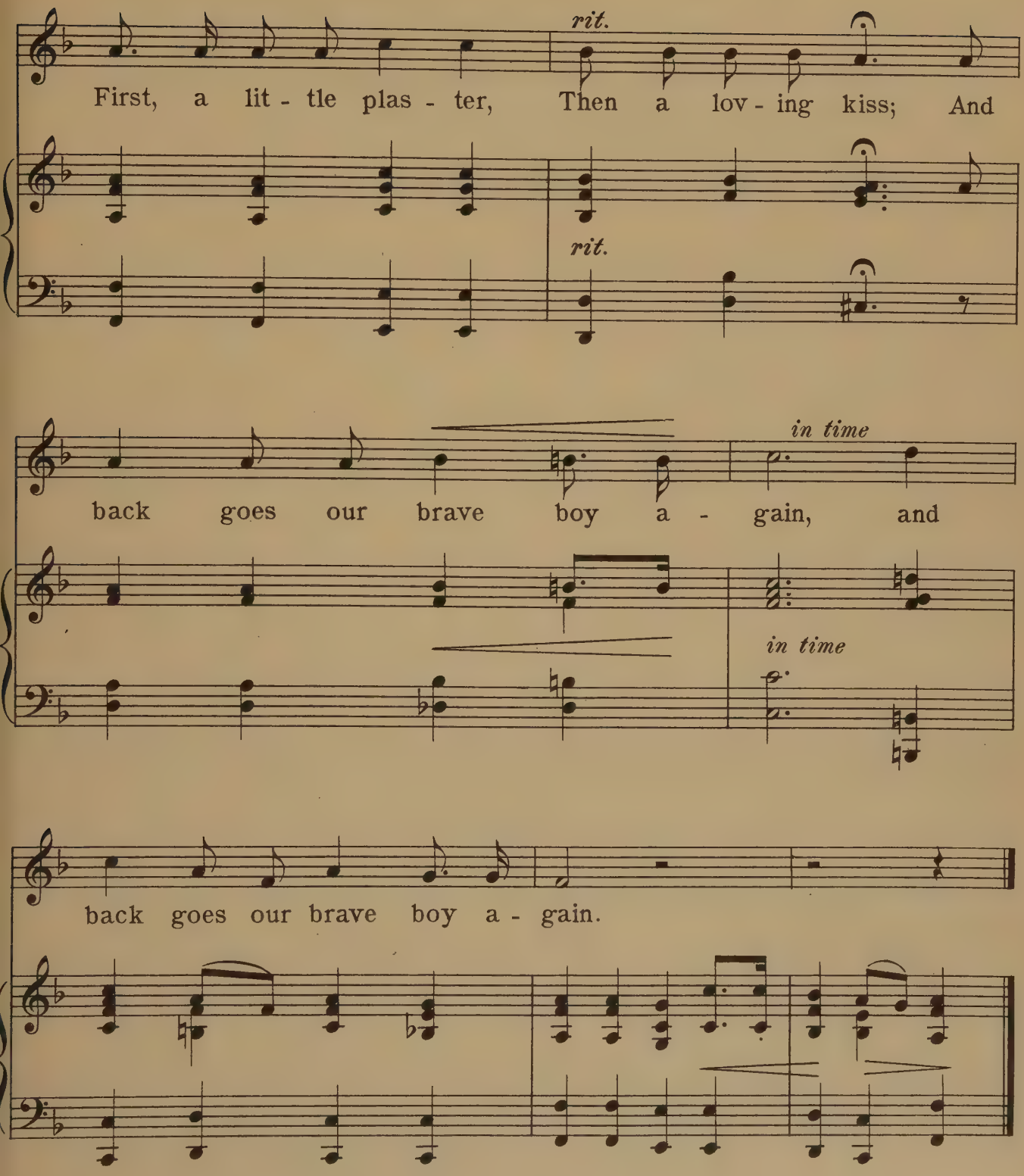

(♩= 104)
mf
A wise old owl once said, said he: "The
mf
accel.
less light there is, the bet - ter I see;" So he staid a - wake
rit.
accel.
rit.
accel.
all thro' the night, And slept all day when the sun was bright.
accel.

The Man on the Dromedary

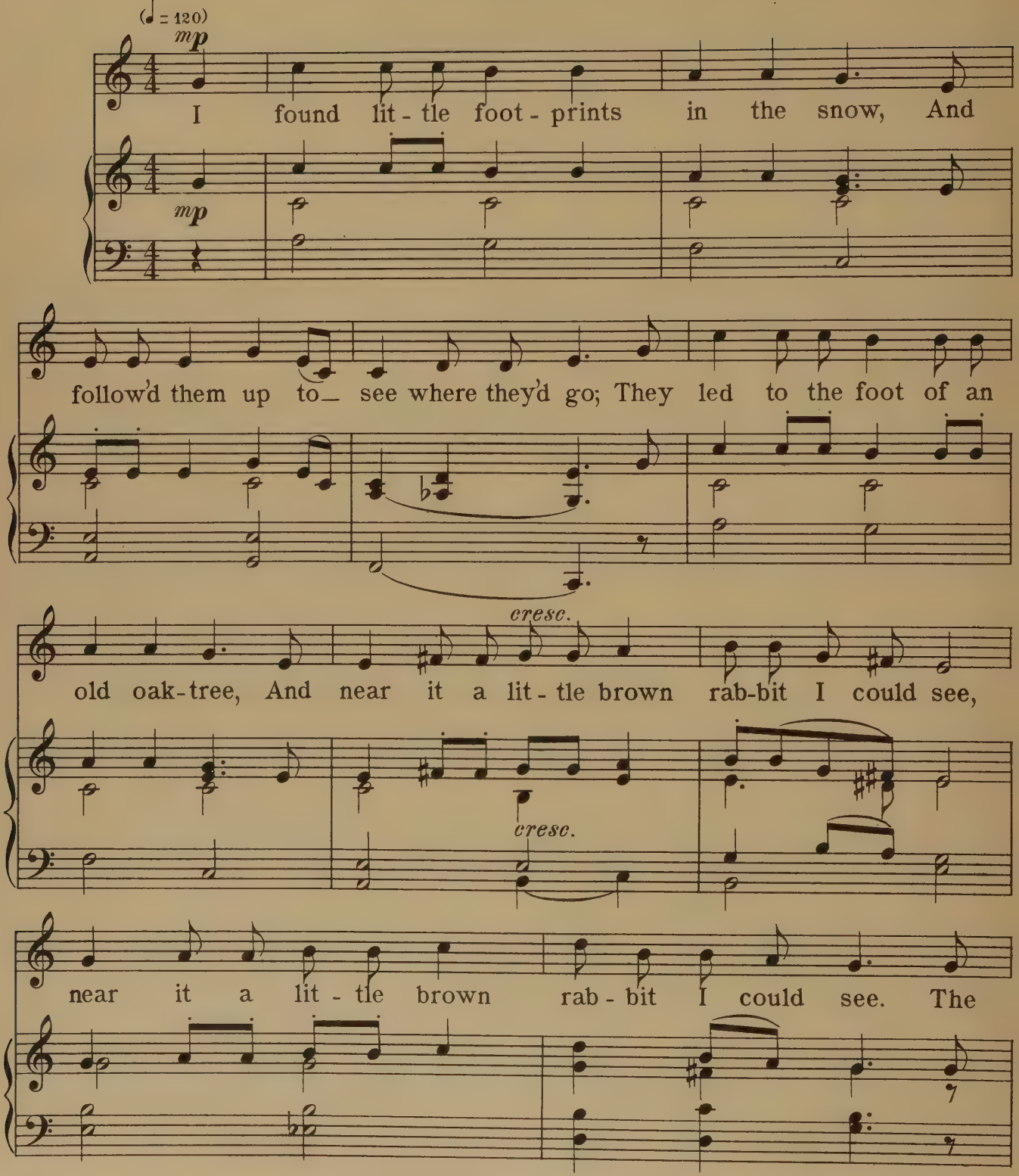

(♩= 138)
mf
I should think that the man on the Drom - e -
mf
cresc.
da - ry Would find his po - si - tion quite air - y;
cresc.
But it seems to me, that the hump I
see, To ride on would not ver - y com - f'ta - ble be.

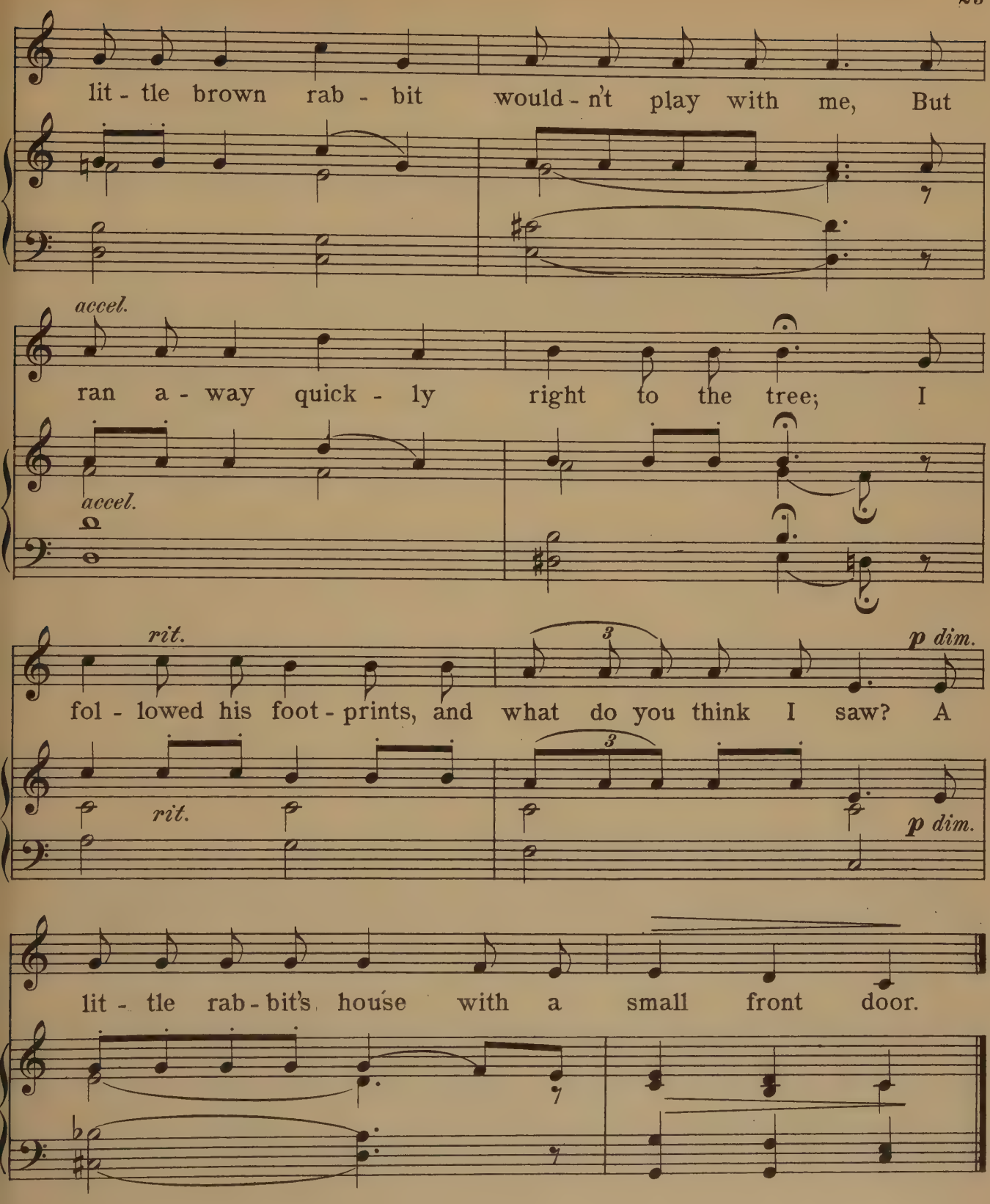
The Cut Finger



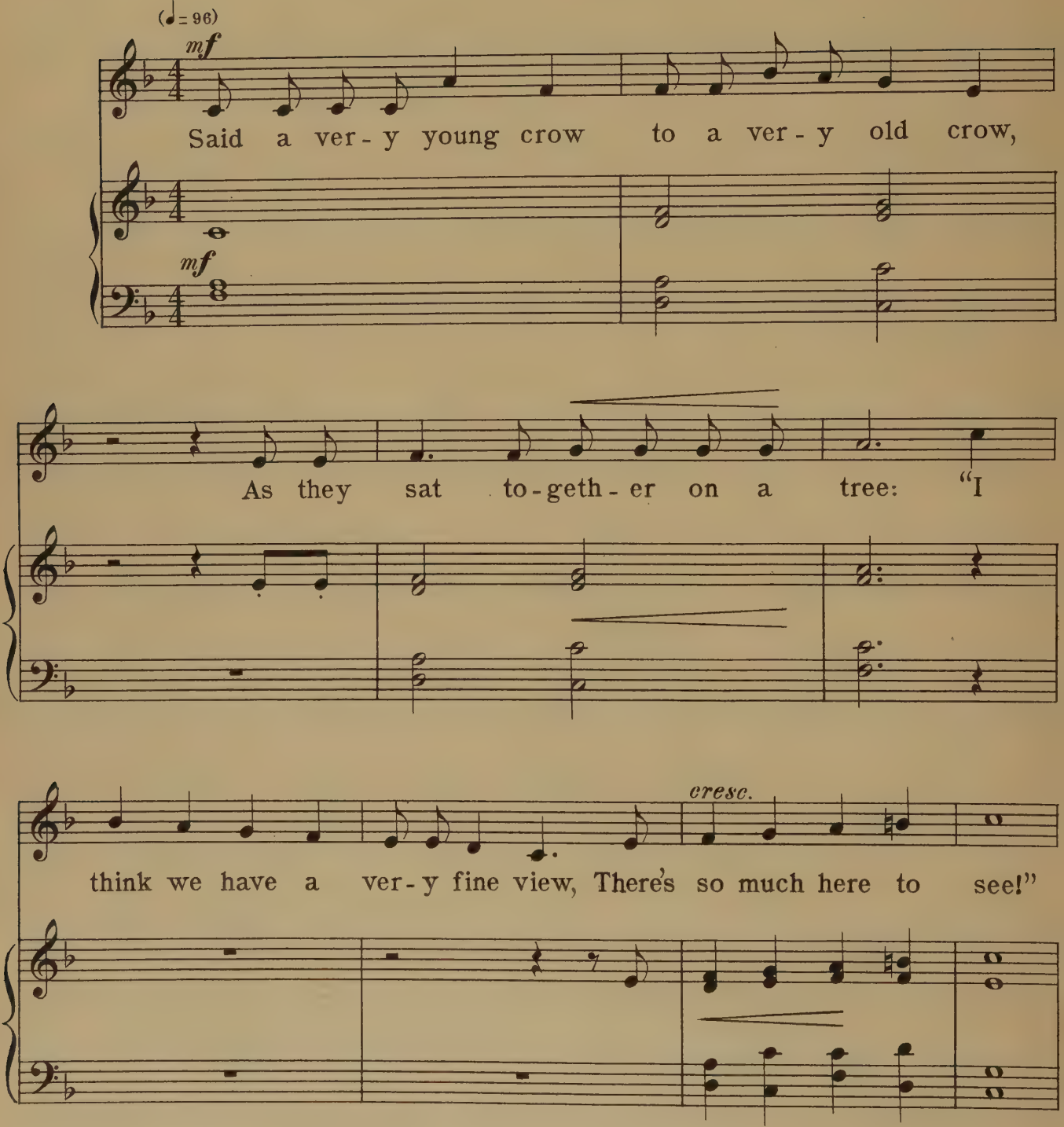

rit.
First, a lit - tle plas - ter, Then a lov - ing kiss; And
rit.
in time
back goes our brave boy a - gain, and
in time
back goes our brave boy a - gain.

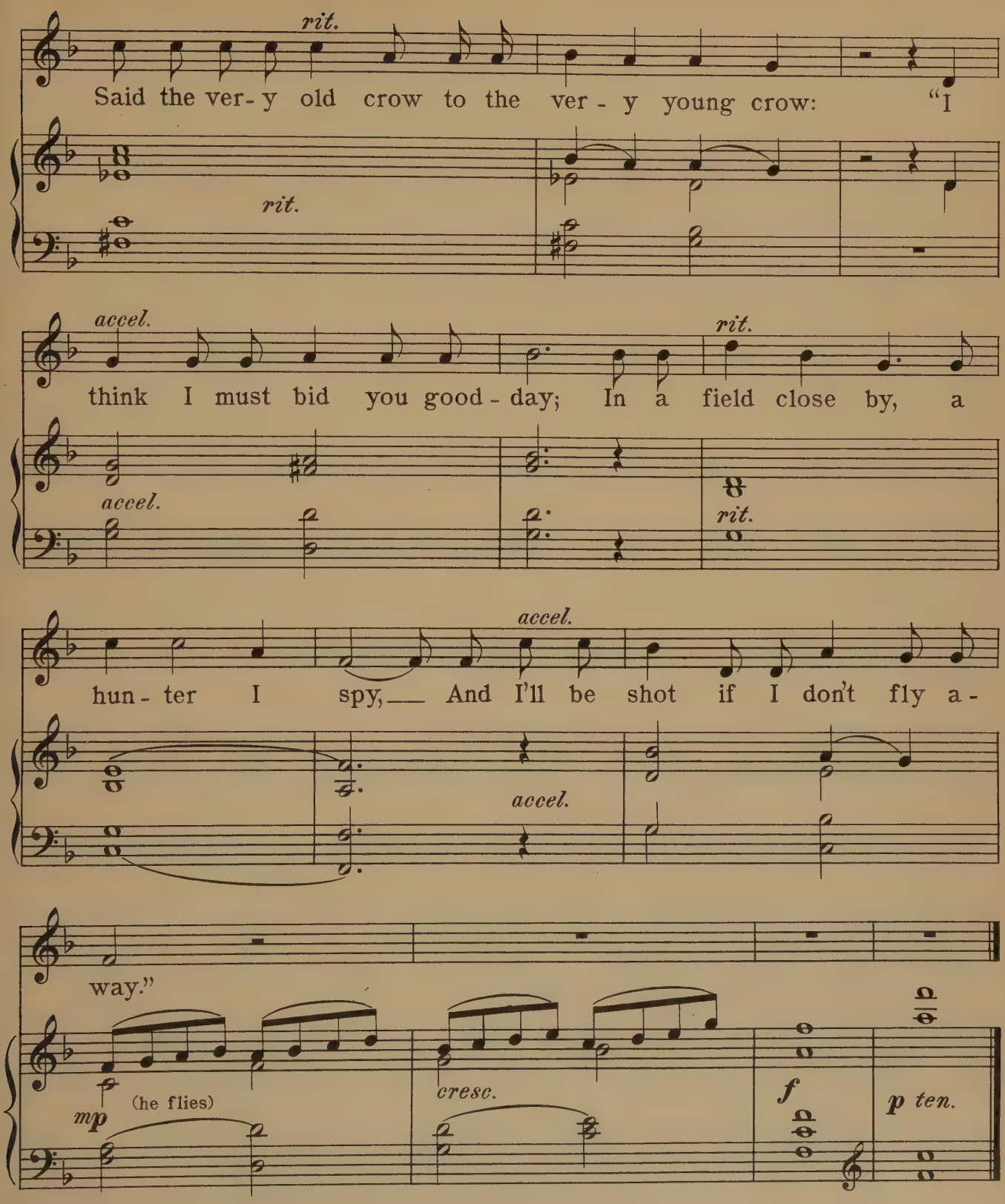
Footprints


(♩ = 120)
mp
I found lit - tle foot - prints in the snow, And
mp
follow'd them up to see where they'd go; They led to the foot of an
cresc.
old oak-tree, And near it a lit - tle brown rab-bit I could see,
cresc.
near it a lit - tle brown rab - bit I could see. The

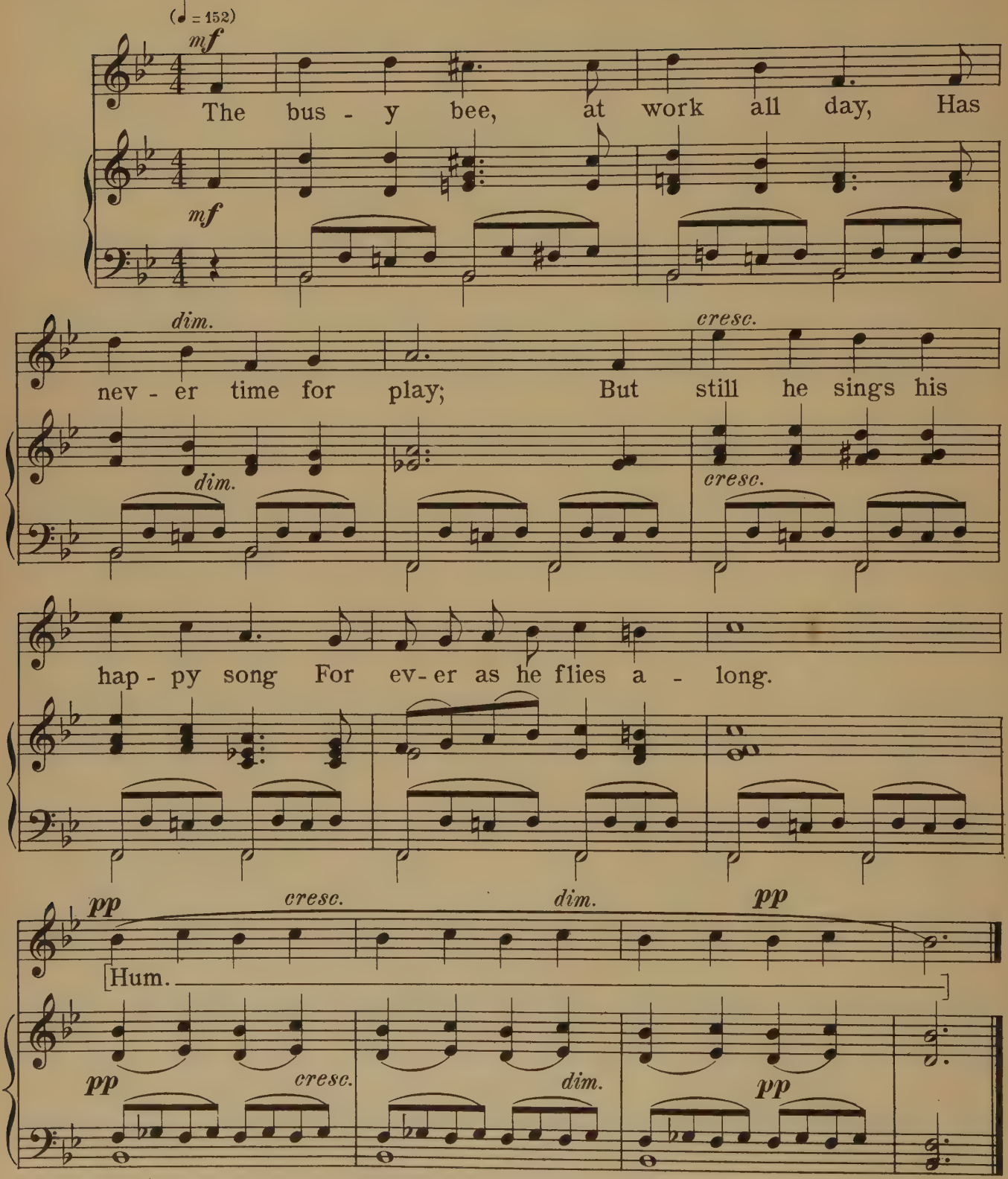

lit - tle brown rab - bit would - n't play with me, But
accel.
ran a - way quick - ly right to the tree; I
accel.
rit.
fol - lowed his foot - prints, and what do you think I saw? A
rit.
p dim.
p dim.
lit - tle rab - bit's house with a small front door.

The Two Crows


(♩= 96)
mf
Said a ver - y young crow to a ver - y old crow,
mf
As they sat to - geth - er on a tree: "I
cresc.
think we have a ver - y fine view, There's so much here to see!"


rit.
Said the ver- y old crow to the ver - y young crow: "I
rit.
accel.
rit.
think I must bid you good - day; In a field close by, a
accel.
rit.
accel.
hun - ter I spy, And I'll be shot if I don't fly a -
accel.
way."
mp
(he flies)
cresc.
f
p ten.

The Bee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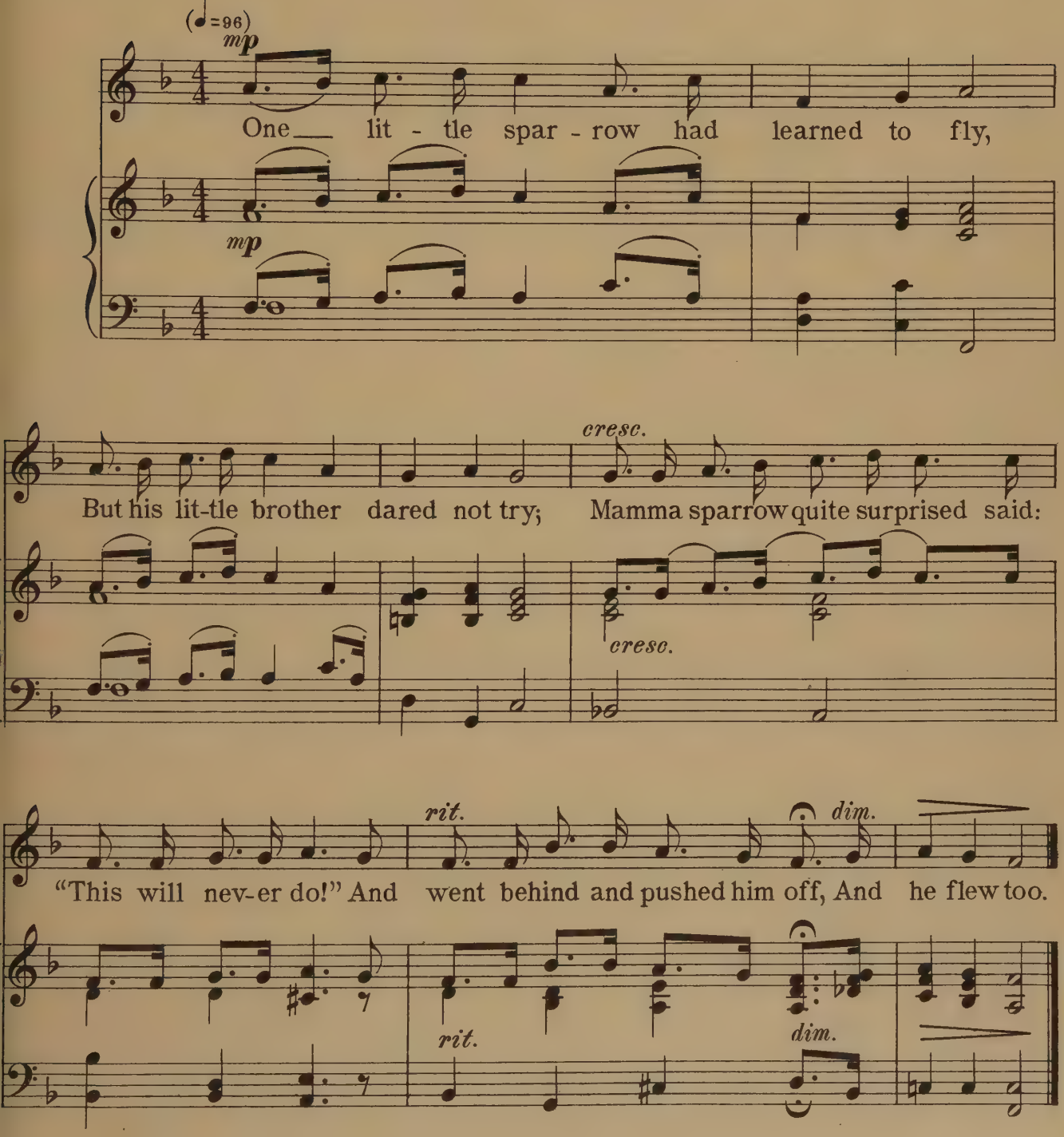
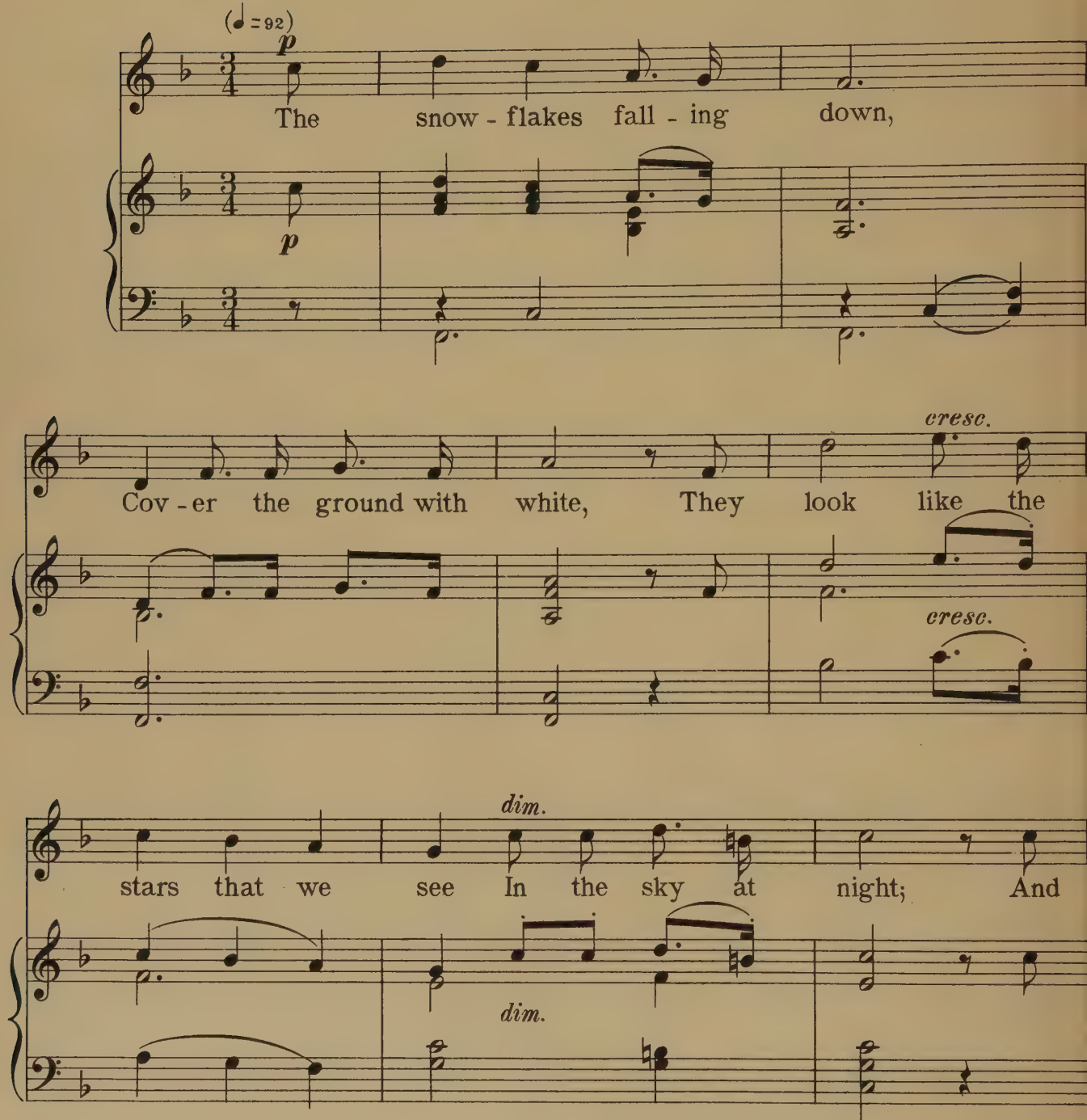
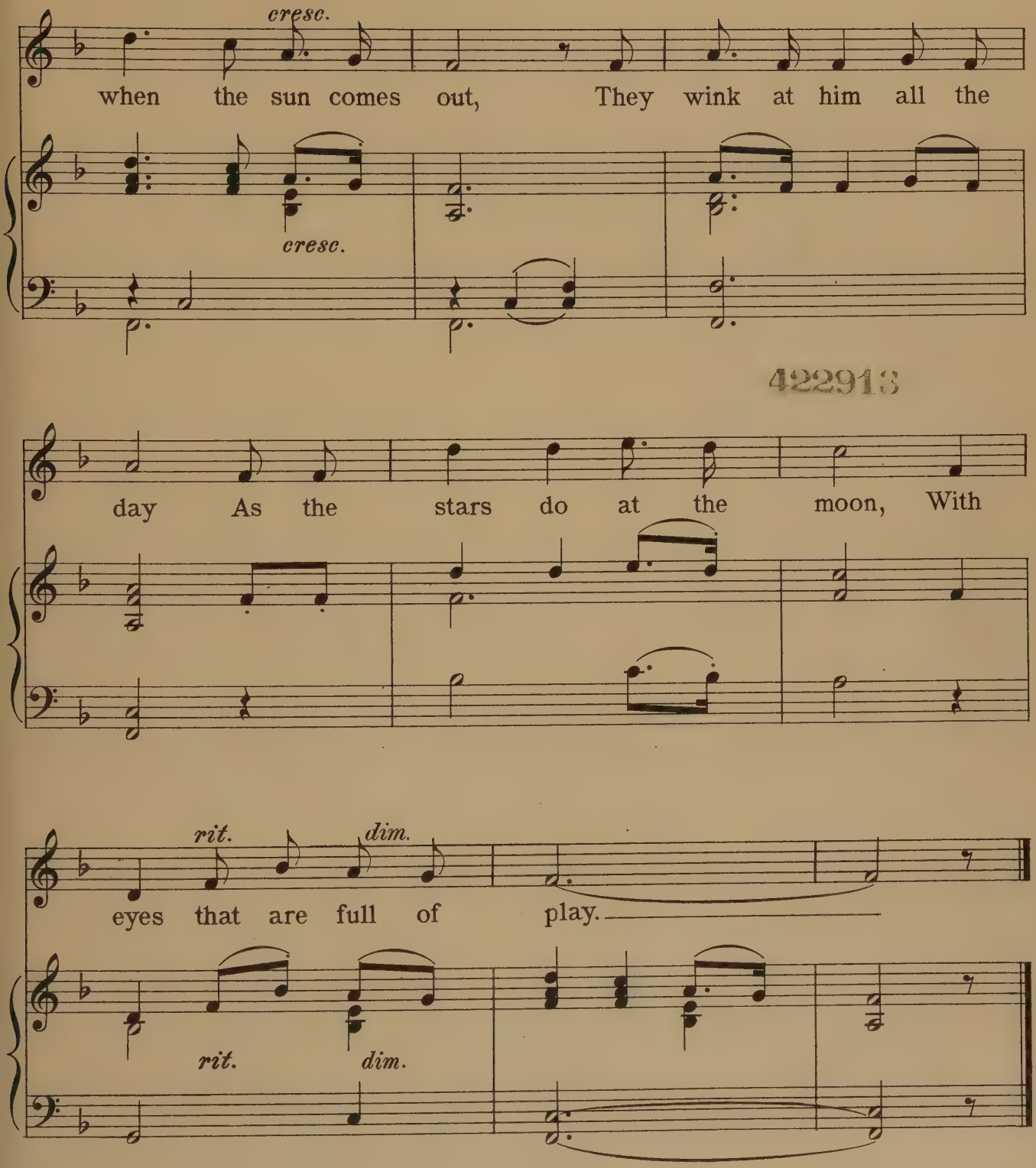
mf
The bus - y bee, at work all day, Has
mf
dim.
cresc.
nev - er time for play; But still he sings his
dim.
cresc.
hap - py song For ev - er as he flies a - long.
pp
cresc.
dim.
pp
[Hum.
pp
cresc.
dim.
pp

The First Flying Lesson



The Snow-flakes




cresc.
when the sun comes out, They wink at him all the
cresc.
day As the stars do at the moon, With
rit.
dim.
eyes that are full of play.
rit.
dim.

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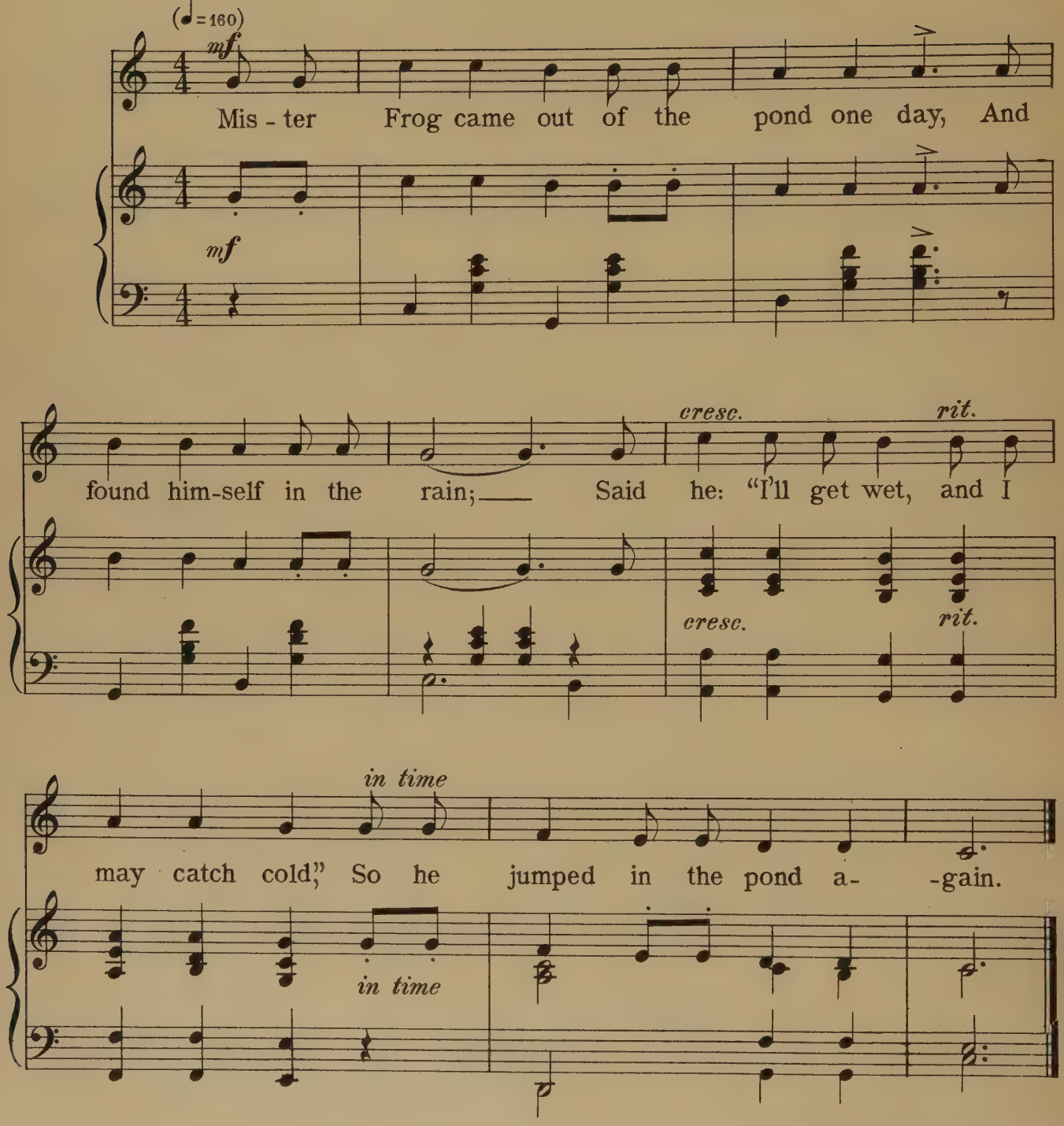
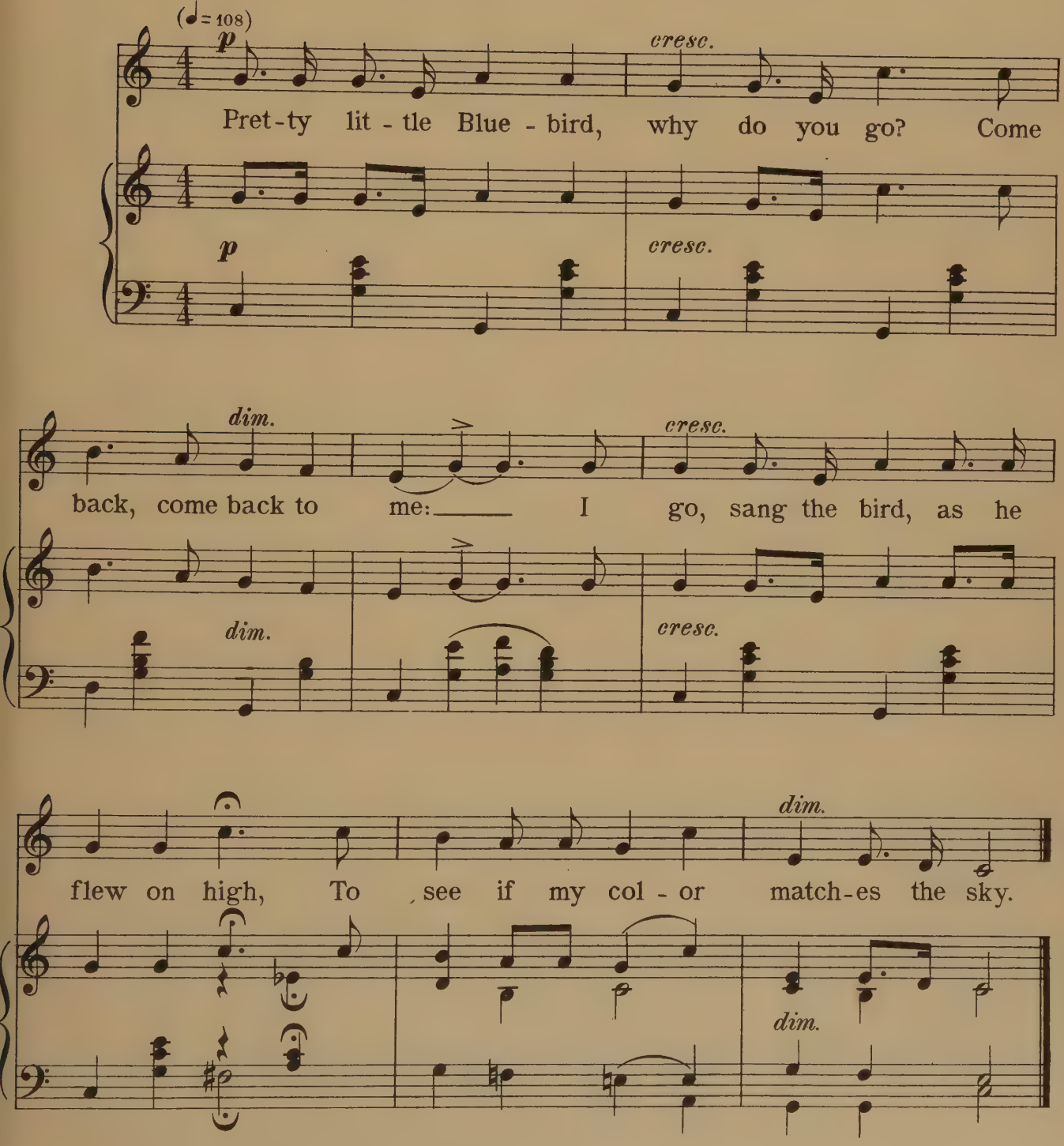
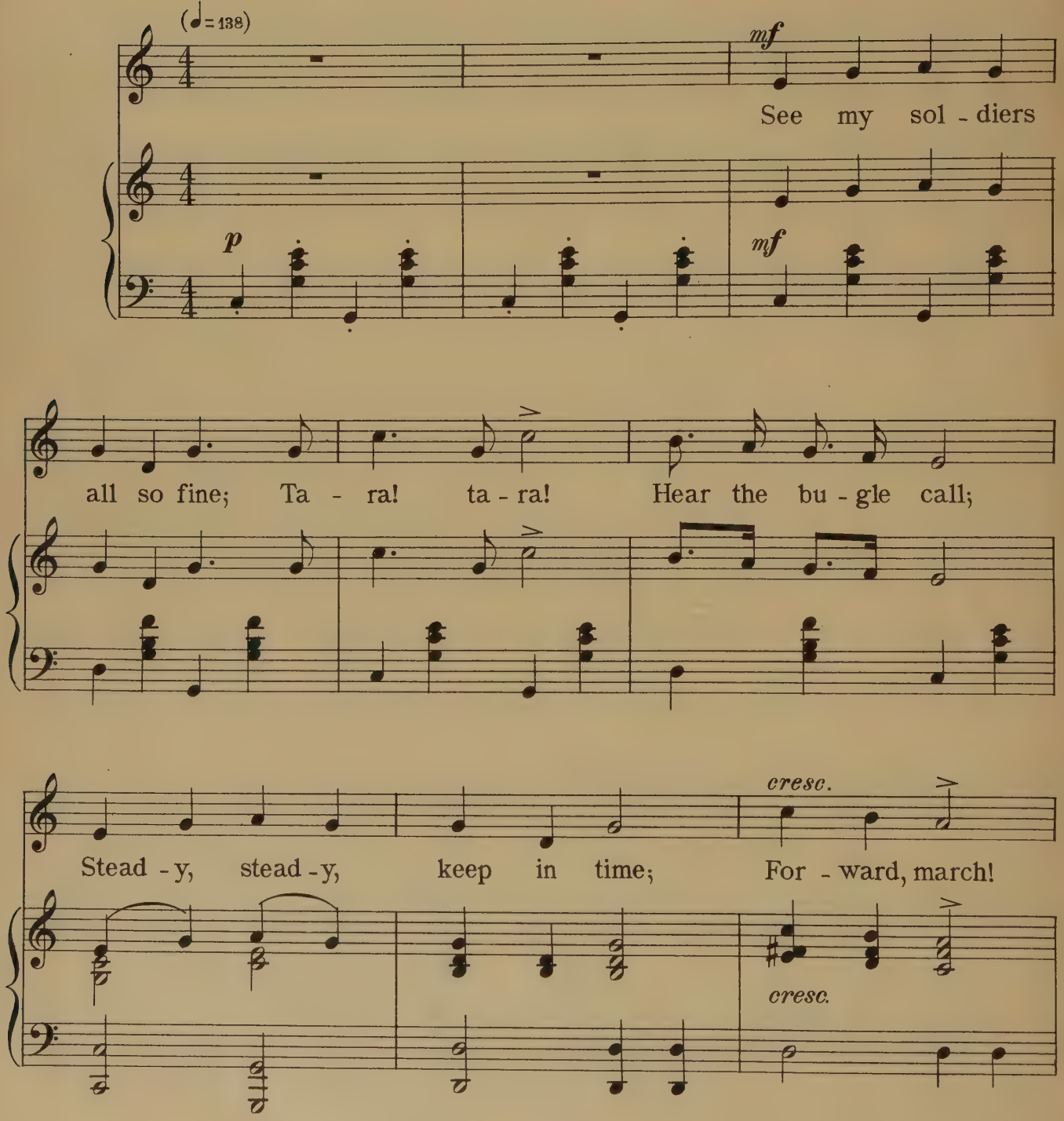
Mr. Frog

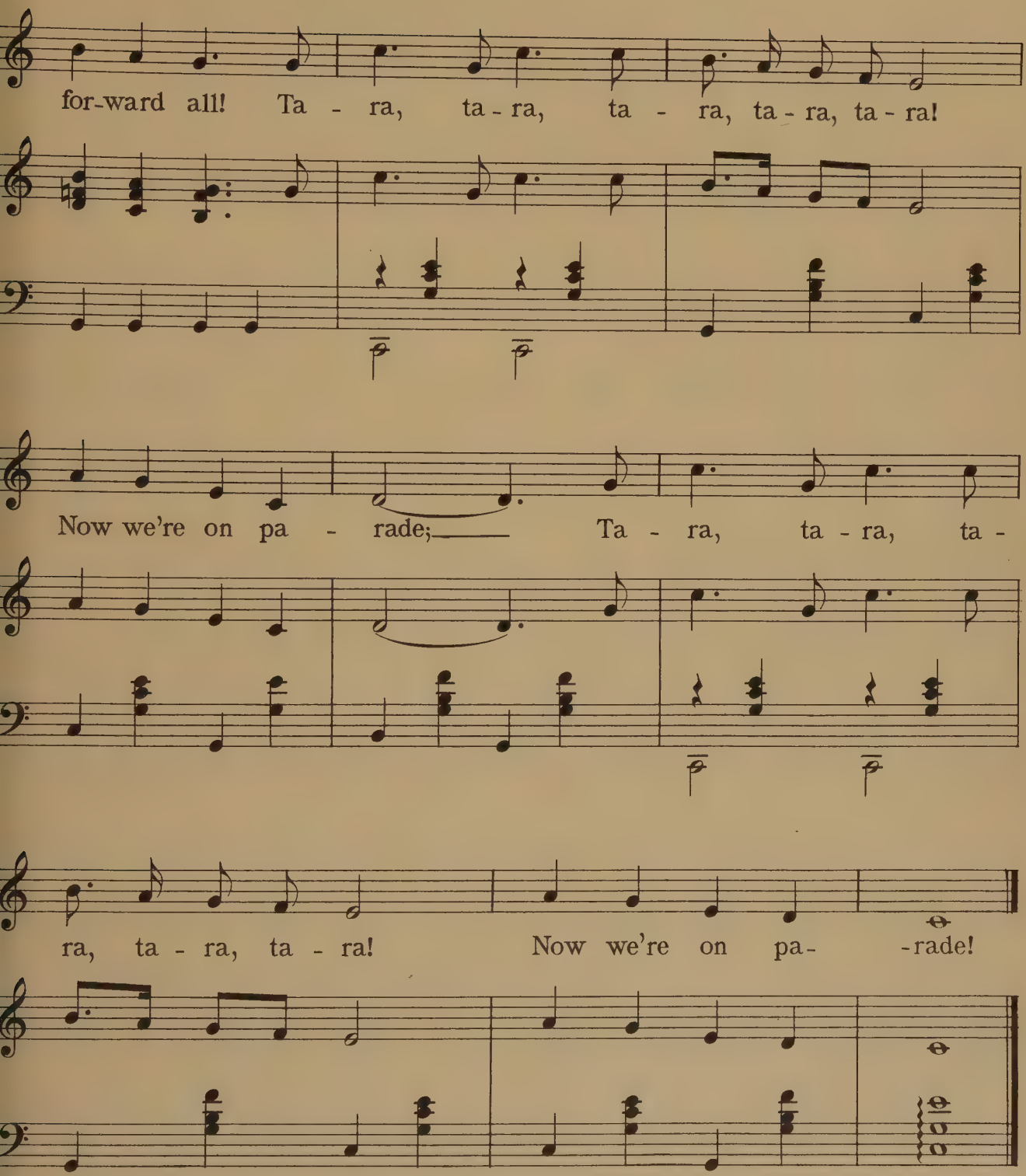

(♩=160)
mf
Mis - ter Frog came out of the pond one day, And
mf
found him-self in the rain; Said he: "I'll get wet, and I
cresc.
rit.
cresc.
rit.
may catch cold," So he jumped in the pond a- -gain.
in time
in time

The Bluebird

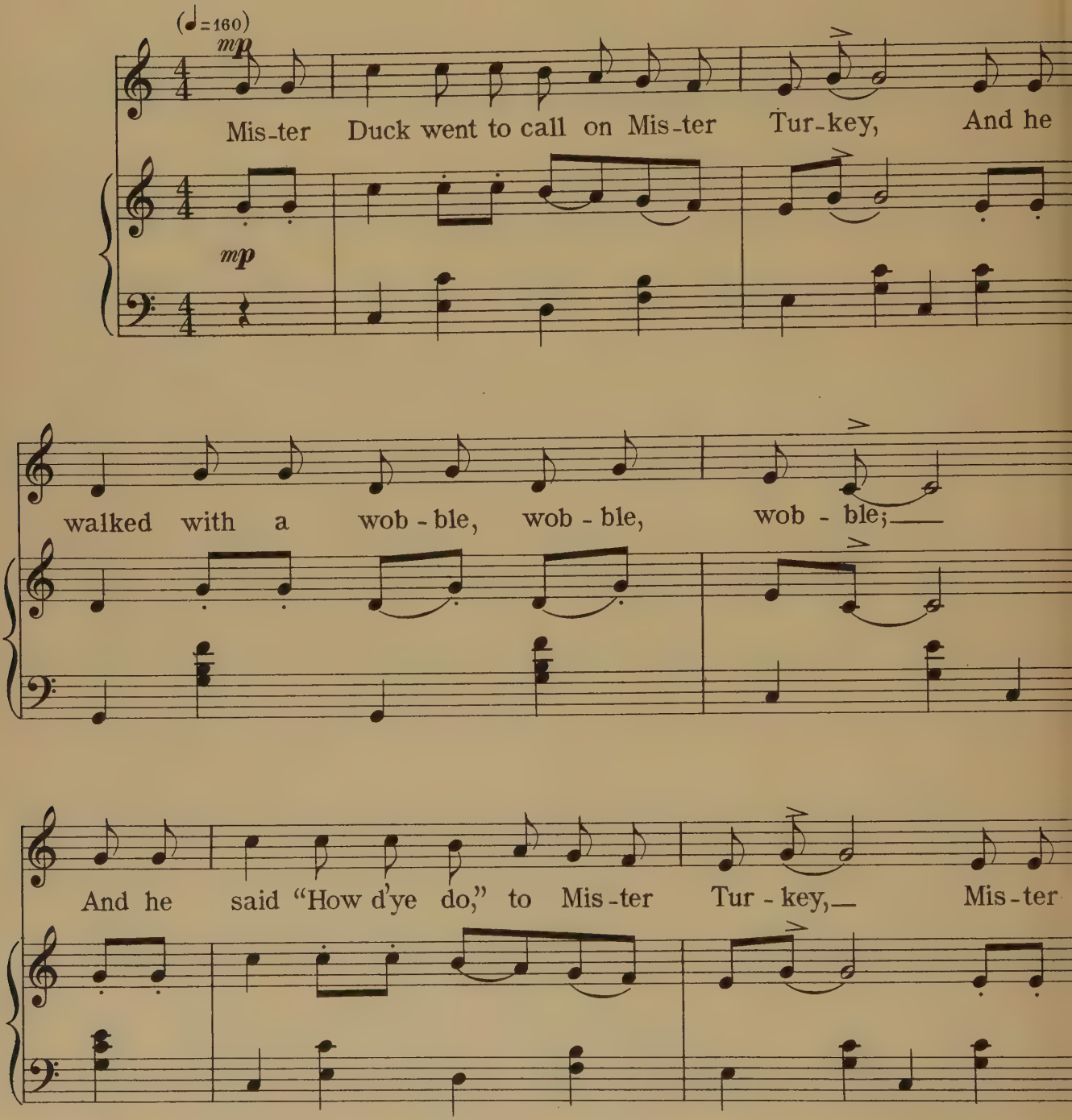


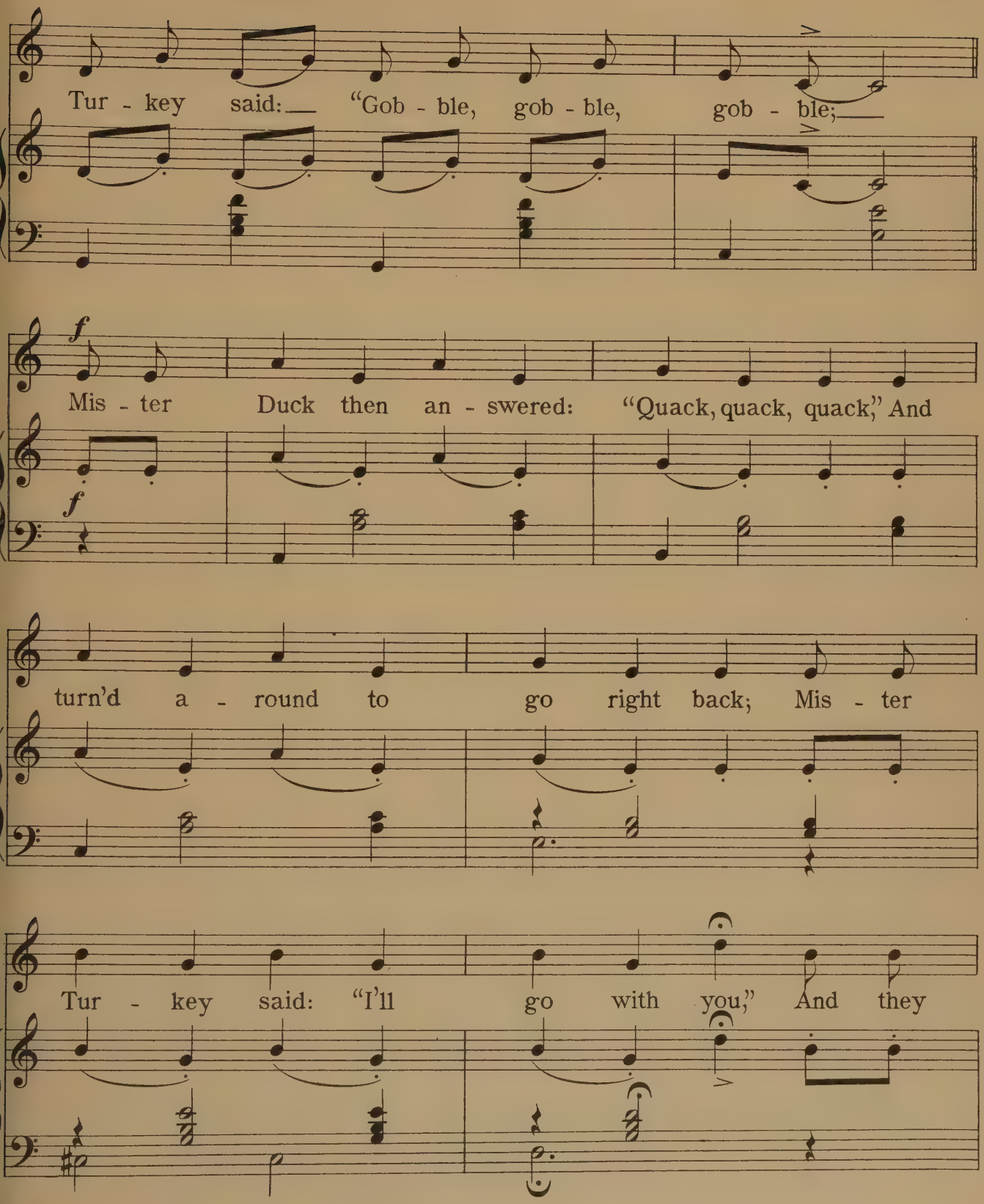
The Tin Soldiers

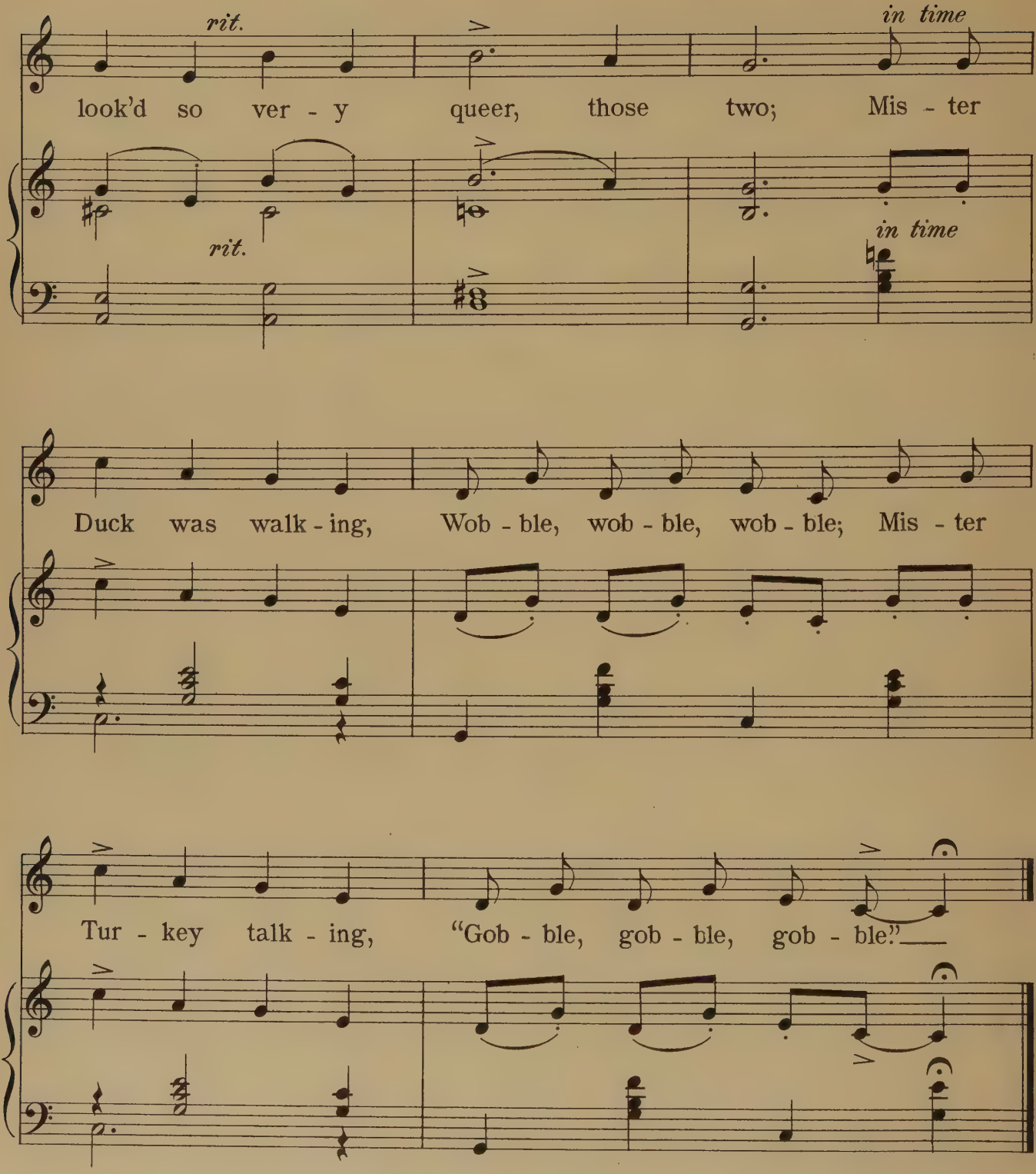



for-ward all! Ta - ra, ta - ra, ta - ra, ta - ra, ta - ra!
Now we're on pa - rade; Ta - ra, ta - ra, ta -
ra, ta - ra, ta - ra! Now we're on pa- -rade!

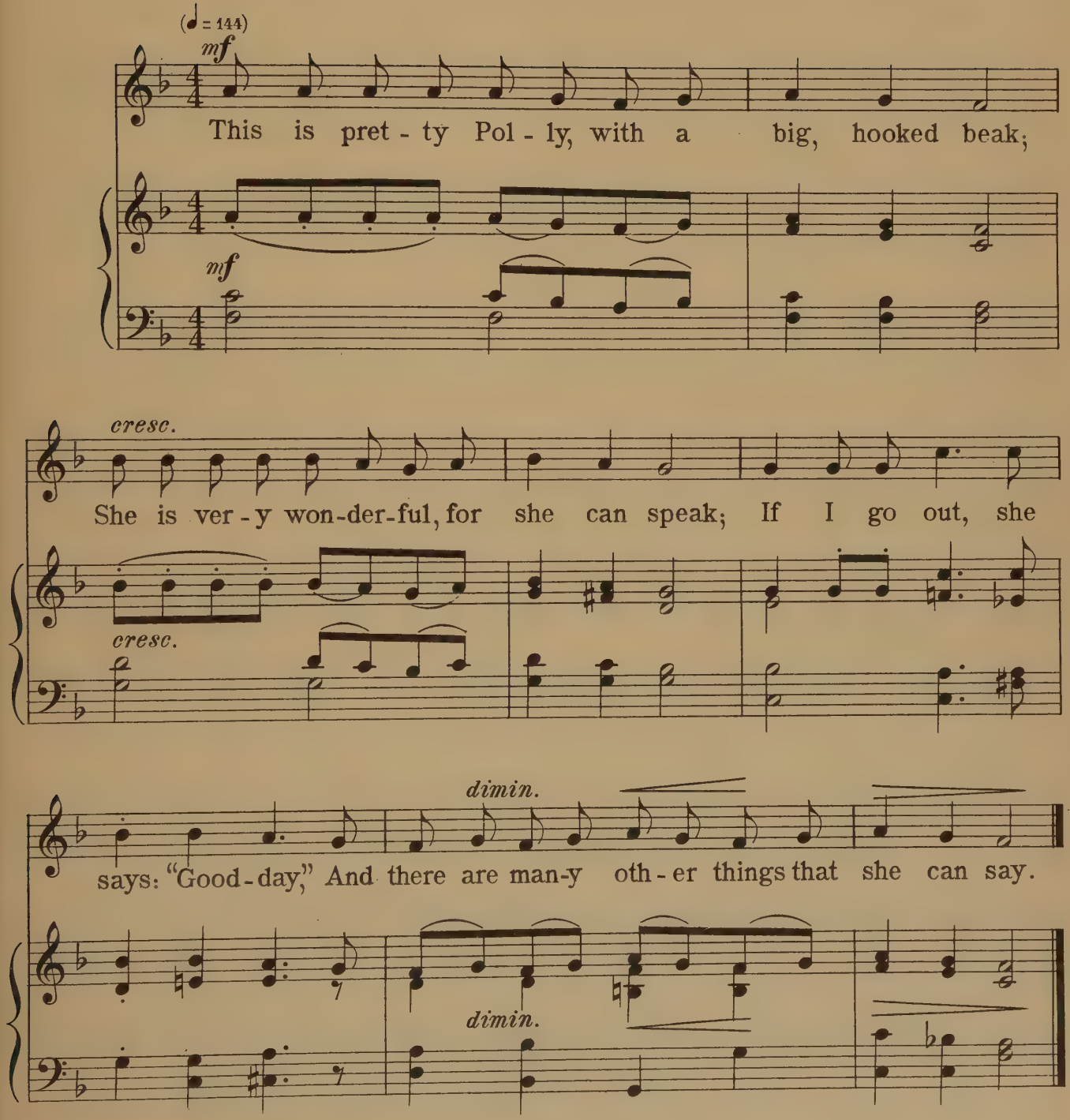
Mr. Duck and Mr. Turkey


(♩= 160)
mp
Mis-ter Duck went to call on Mis-ter Tur-key, And he
mp
walked with a wob - ble, wob - ble, wob - ble;
And he said "How d'ye do," to Mis-ter Tur - key, Mis-ter

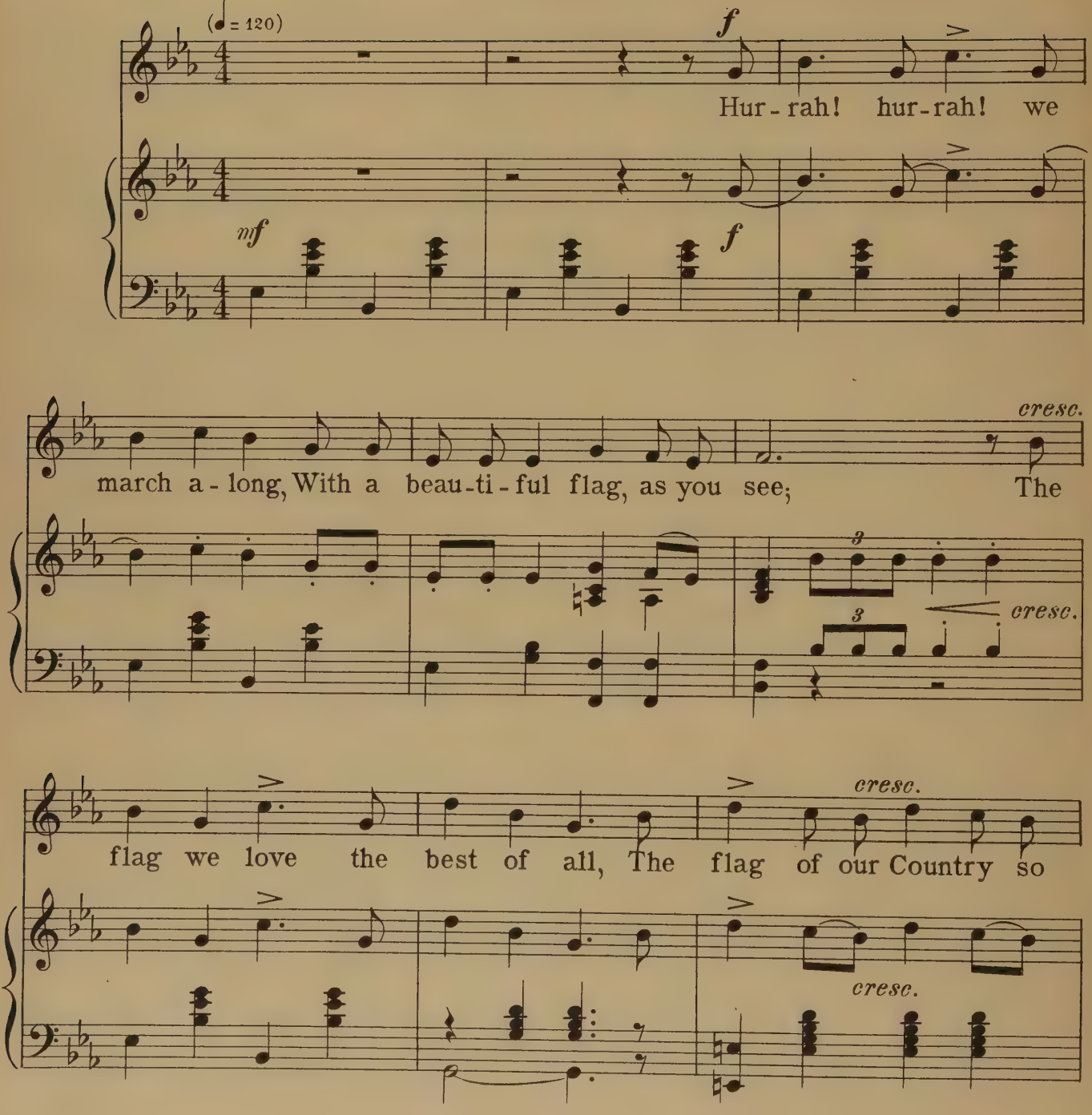

Tur - key said: "Gob - ble, gob - ble, gob - ble;
f
Mis - ter Duck then an - swered: "Quack, quack, quack," And
f
turn'd a - round to go right back; Mis - ter
Tur - key said: "I'll go with you," And they

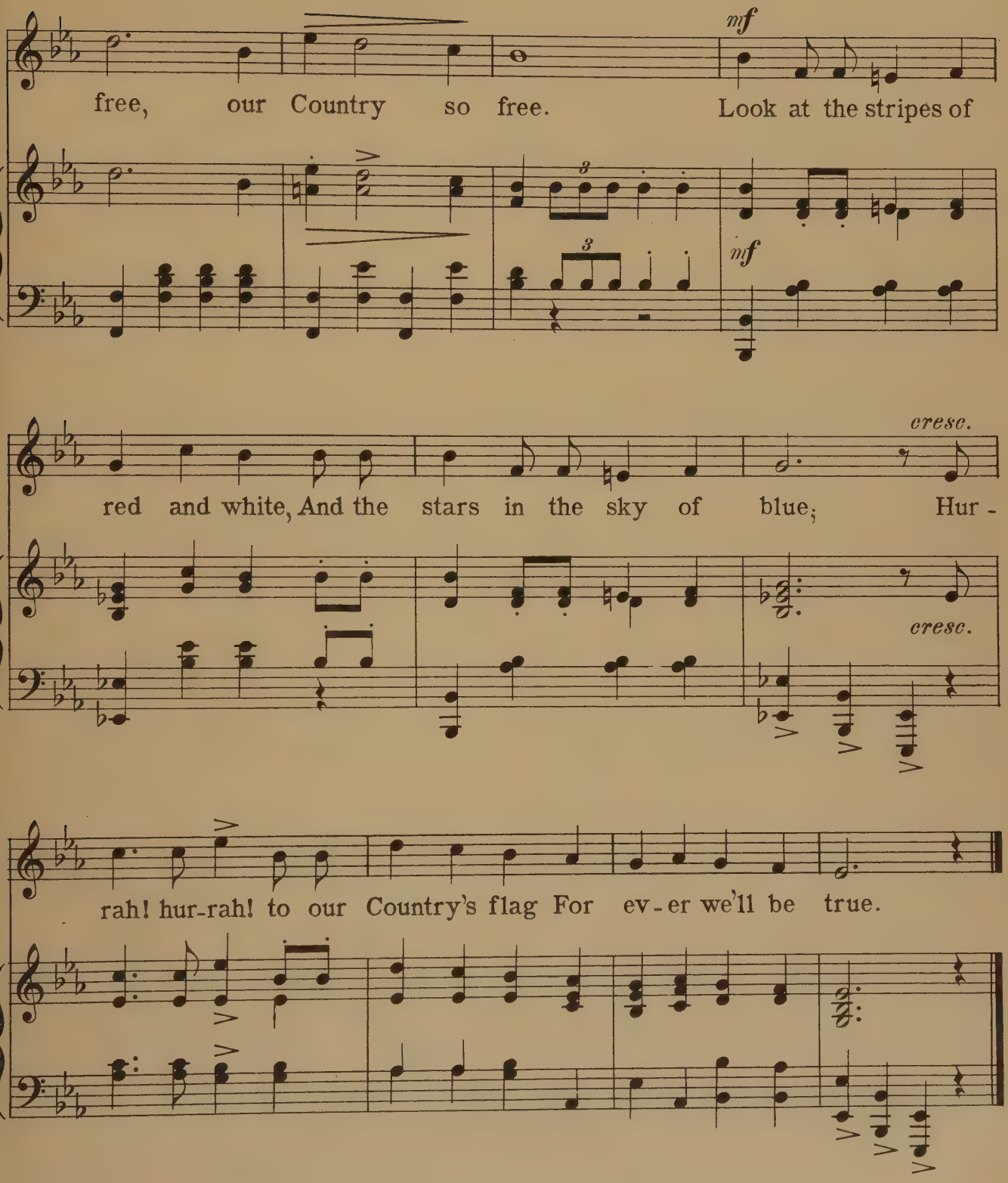

rit.
in time
look'd so ver - y queer, those two; Mis - ter
rit.
in time
Duck was walk - ing, Wob - ble, wob - ble, wob - ble; Mis - ter
Tur - key talk - ing, "Gob - ble, gob - ble, gob - ble."

Polly

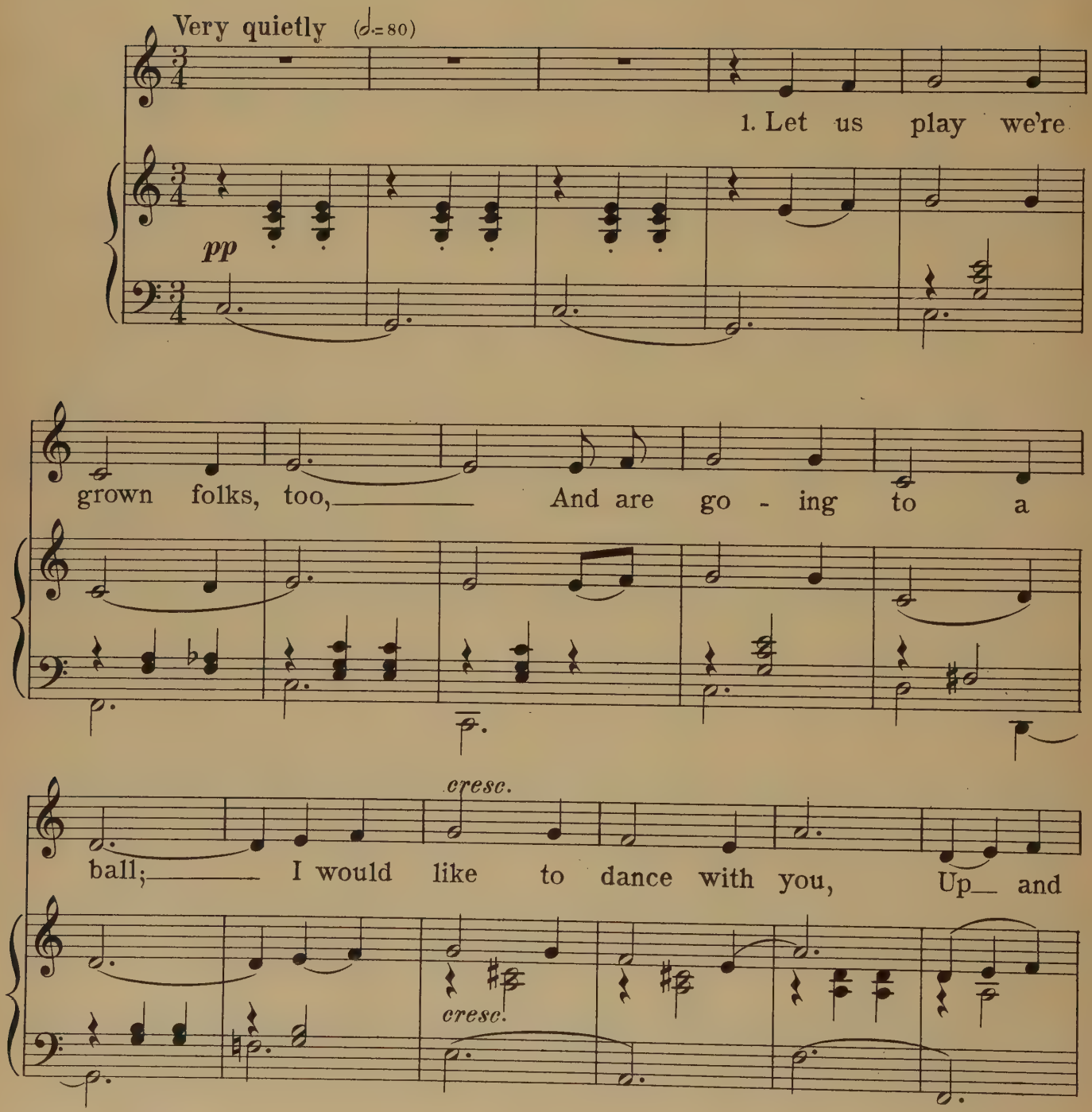

(♩ = 144)
mf
This is pret - ty Pol - ly, with a big, hooked beak;
mf
cresc.
She is ver - y won-der-ful, for she can speak; If I go out, she
cresc.
dimin.
says: "Good - day," And there are man-y oth - er things that she can say.
dimin.

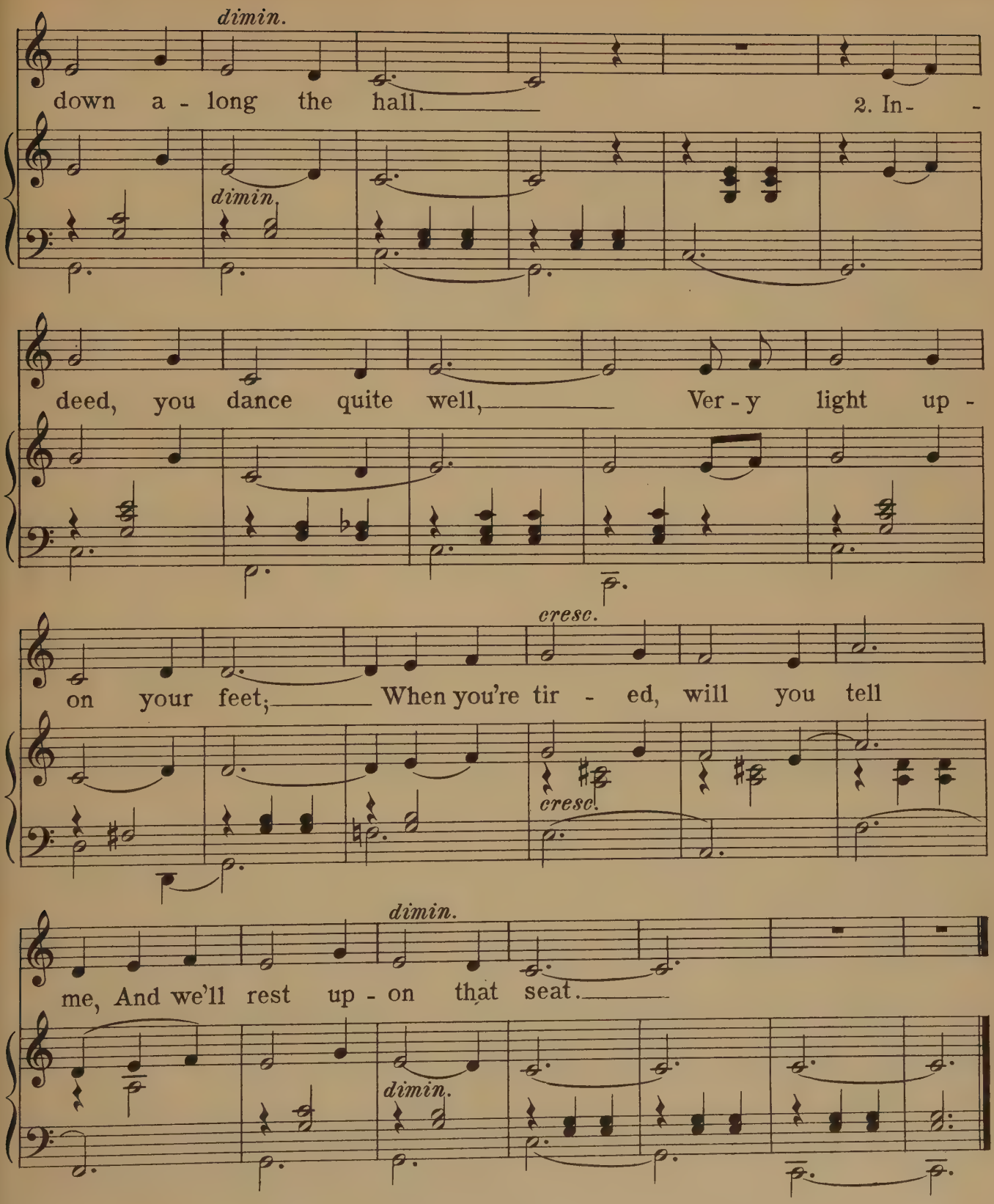
Our Flag


(♩ = 120)
f
Hur - rah! hur - rah! we
mf
f
cresc.
march a - long, With a beau - ti - ful flag, as you see; The
3
3
cresc.
flag we love the best of all, The flag of our Country so
cresc.
cresc.

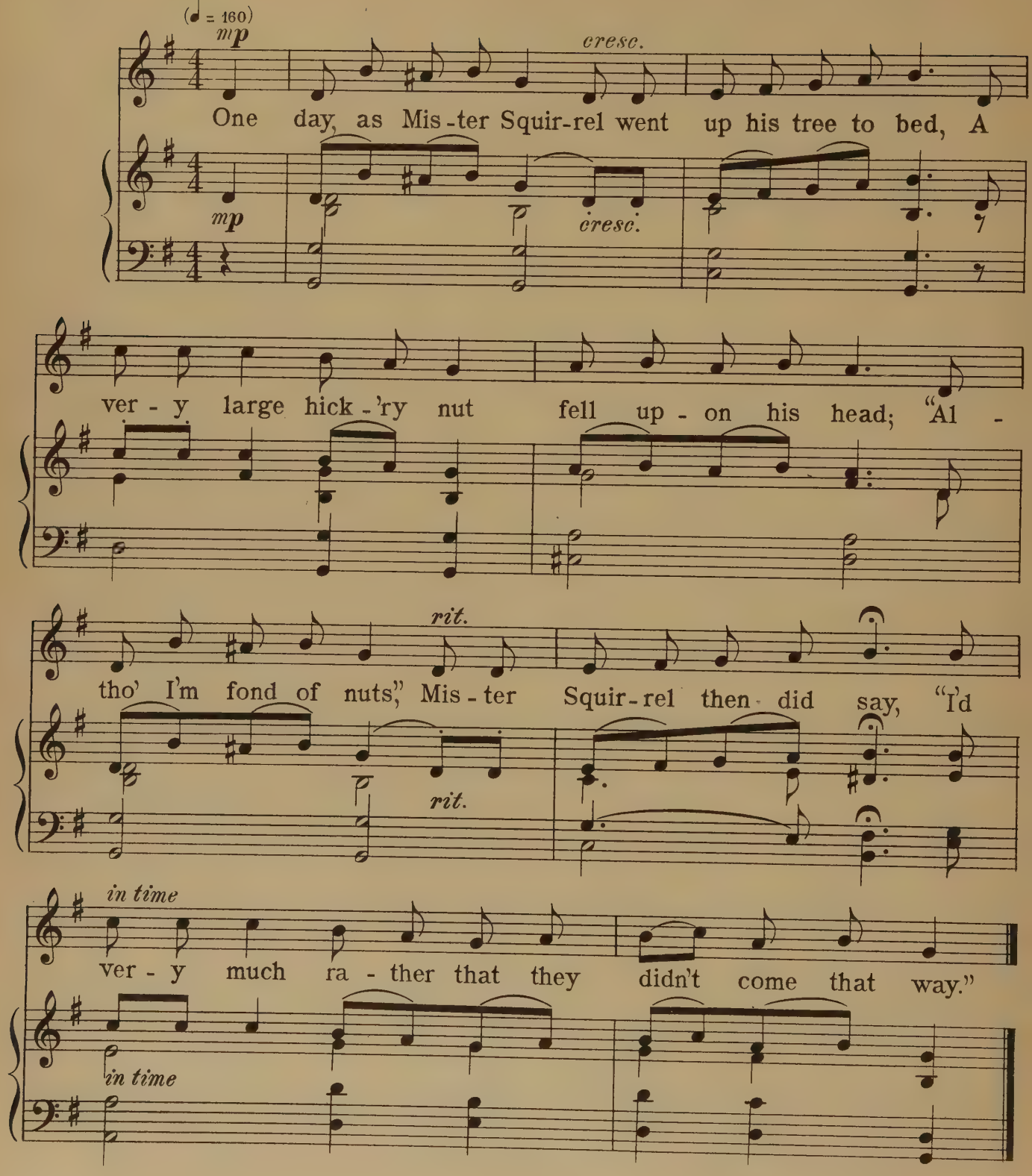

mf
free, our Country so free. Look at the stripes of
mf
cresc.
red and white, And the stars in the sky of blue; Hur -
cresc.
rah! hur-rah! to our Country's flag For ev - er we'll be true.

The Dance

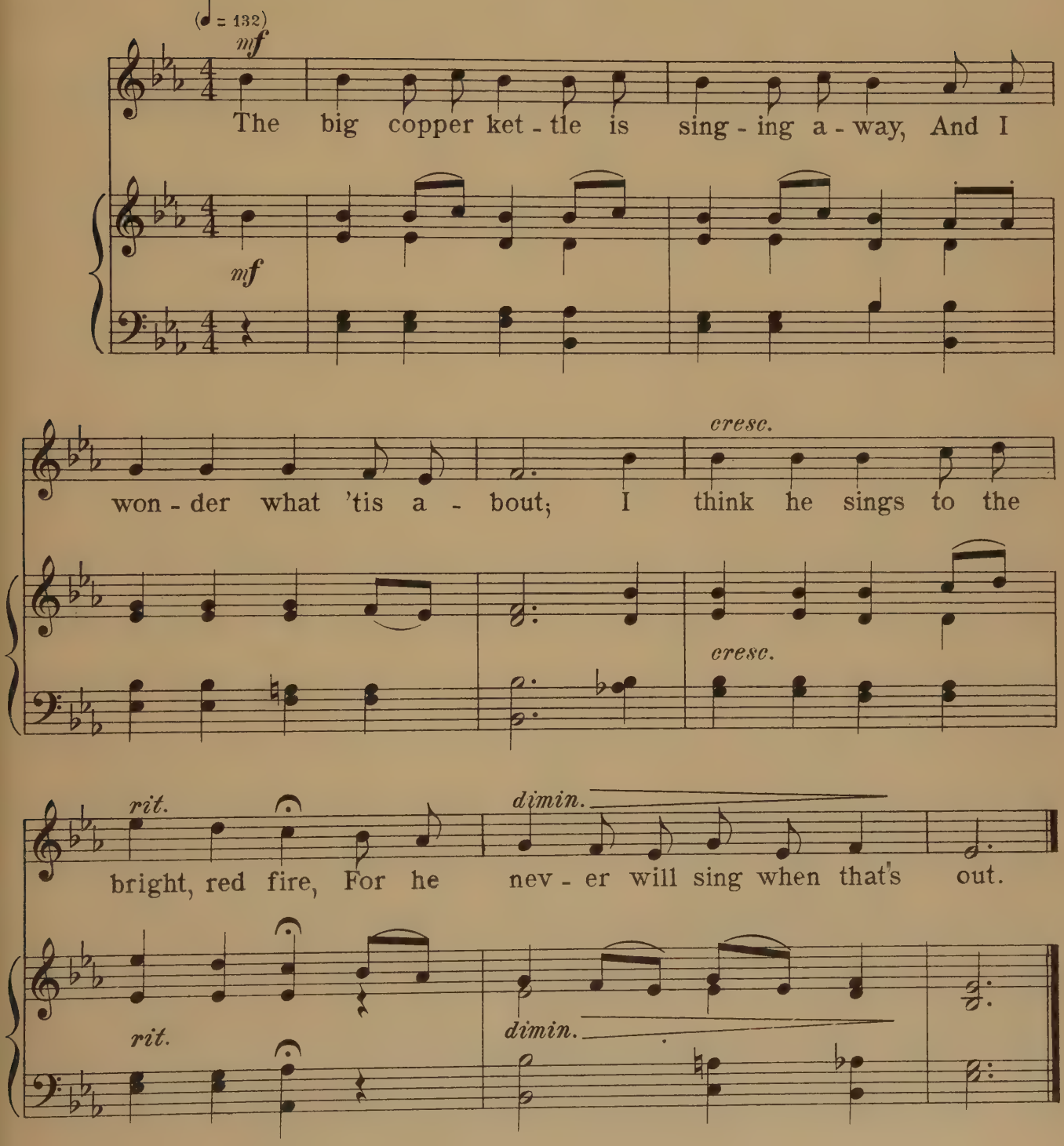

Very quietly (𝅗𝅥=80)
1. Let us play we're
pp
grown folks, too, And are go - ing to a
cresc.
ball; I would like to dance with you, Up and
cresc.


dimin.
down a - long the hall.
2. In- -
dimin.
deed, you dance quite well,
Ver - y light up -
cresc.
on your feet;
When you're tir - ed, will you tell
cresc.
dimin.
me, And we'll rest up - on that seat.
dimin.

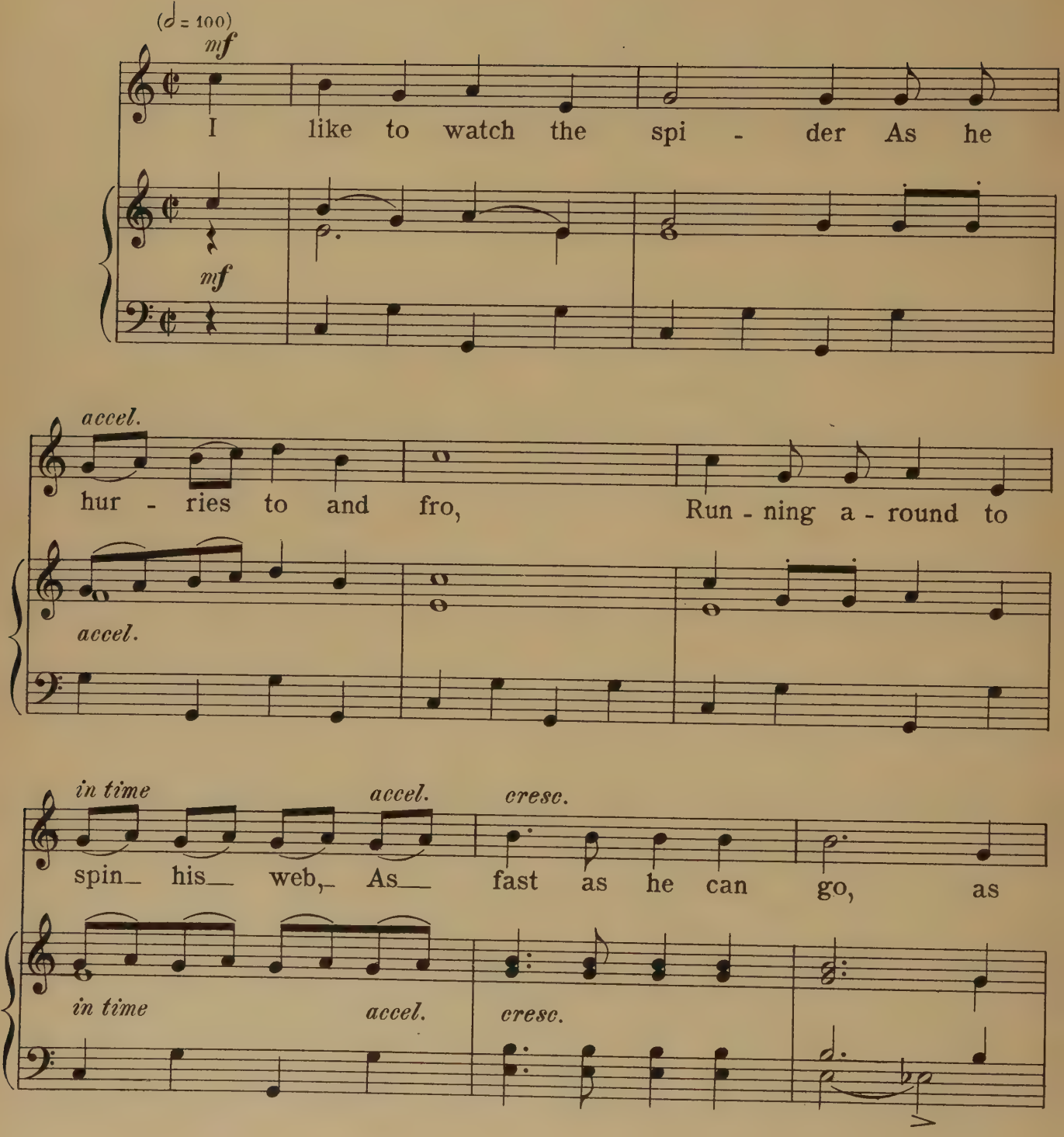
Mr. Squirrel

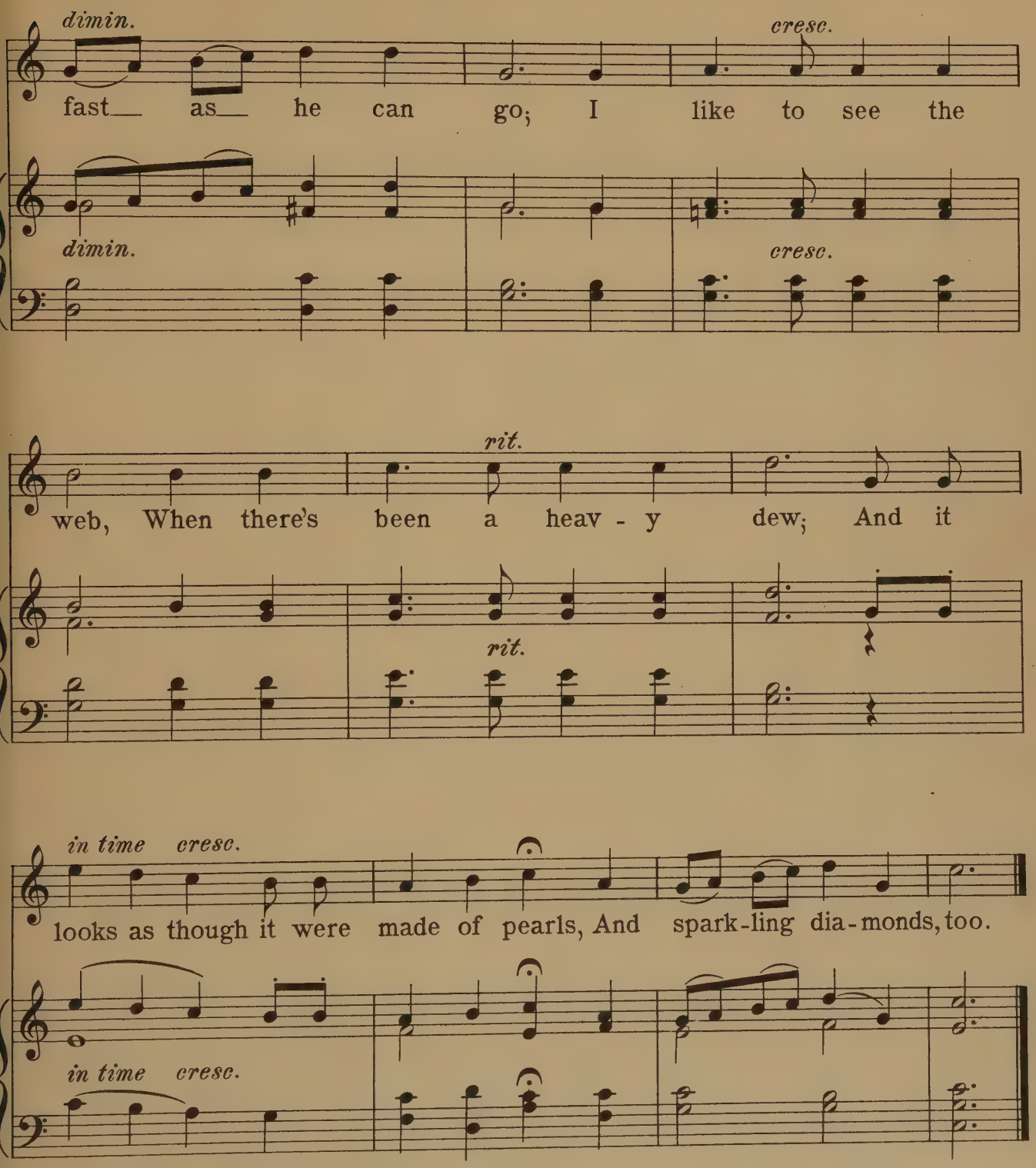

(♩ = 160)
mp
cresc.
One day, as Mis-ter Squir-rel went up his tree to bed, A
mp
cresc.
ver-y large hick-'ry nut fell up-on his head; "Al-
rit.
tho' I'm fond of nuts," Mis-ter Squir-rel then did say, "I'd
rit.
in time
ver-y much ra-ther that they didn't come that way."
in time

The Kettle

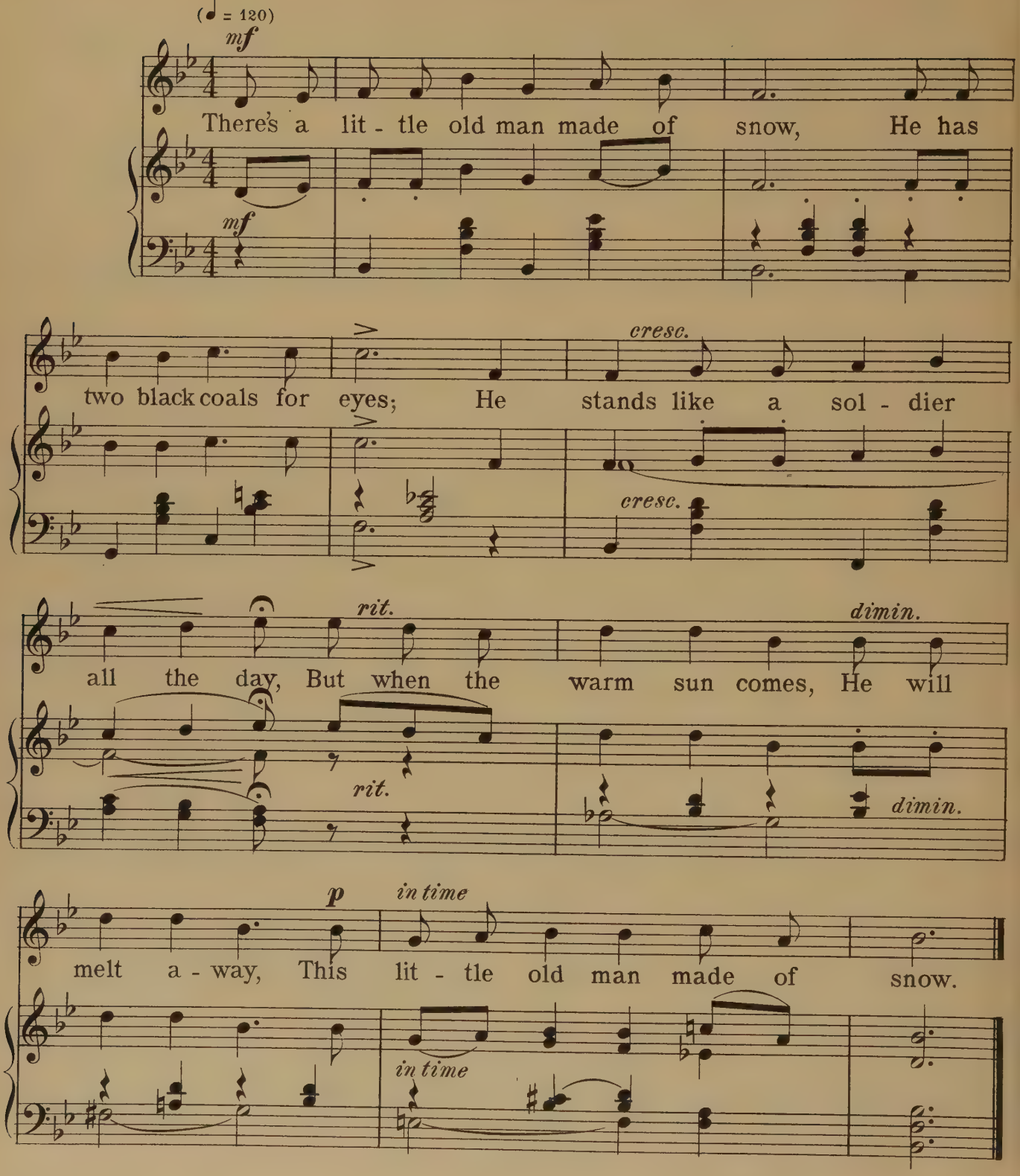

(♩ = 132)
mf
The big copper ket - tle is sing - ing a - way, And I
mf
won - der what 'tis a - bout; I think he sings to the
cresc.
cresc.
rit.
dimin.
bright, red fire, For he nev - er will sing when that's out.
rit.
dimin.

The Spider

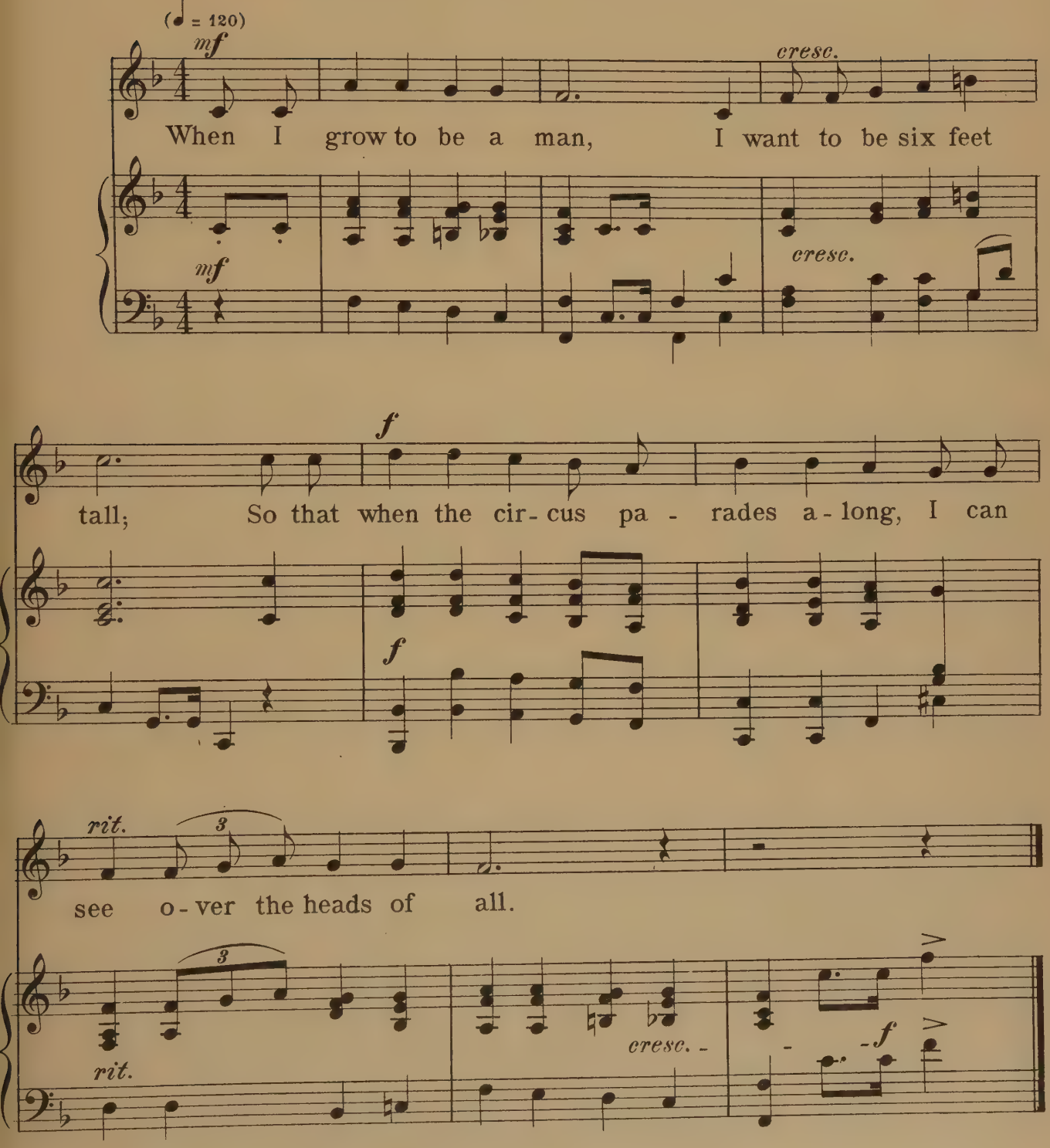

(♩ = 100)
mf
I like to watch the spi - der As he
mf
accel.
hur - ries to and fro, Run - ning a - round to
accel.
in time
accel.
cresc.
spin his web, As fast as he can go, as
in time
accel.
cresc.


dimin.
cresc.
fast as he can go; I like to see the
dimin.
cresc.
rit.
web, When there's been a heav - y dew; And it
rit.
in time cresc.
looks as though it were made of pearls, And spark-ling dia-monds, too.
in time cresc.

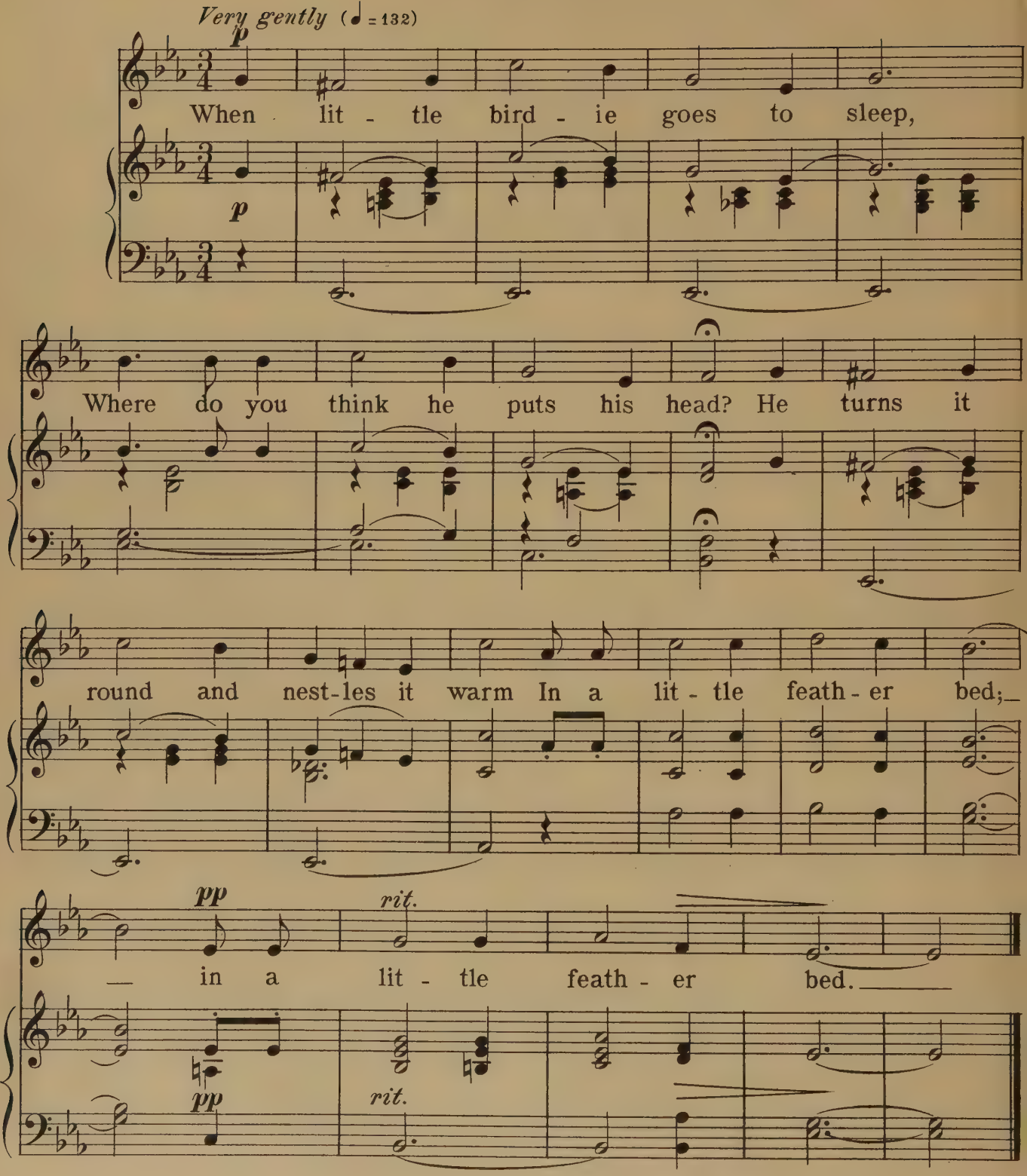
The Snow Man


(♩ = 120)
mf
There's a lit - tle old man made of snow, He has
mf
two black coals for eyes; He stands like a sol - dier
cresc.
cresc.
all the day, But when the warm sun comes, He will
rit.
rit.
dimin.
dimin.
p
in time
melt a - way, This lit - tle old man made of snow.
in time

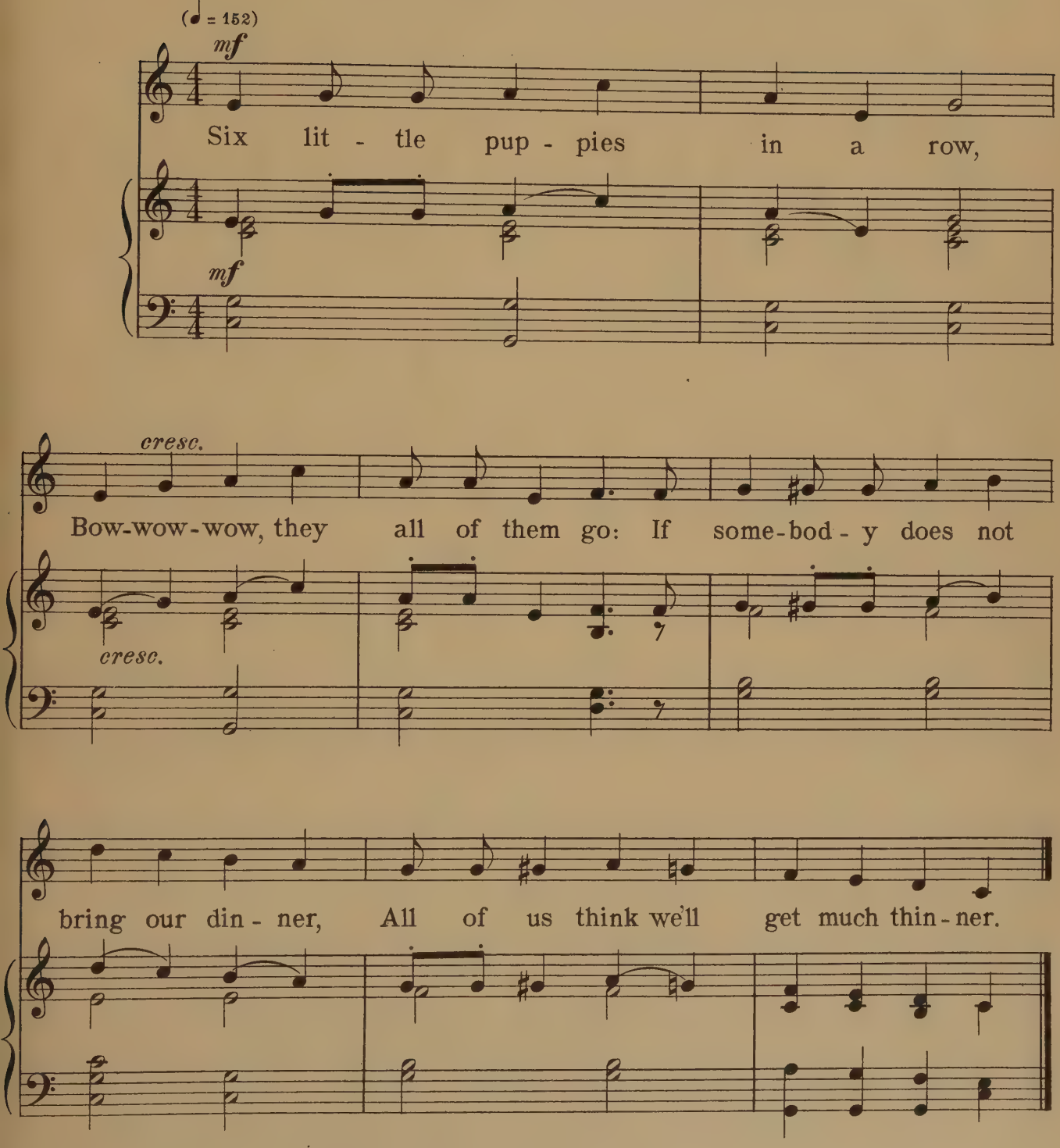
When I Grow to Be a Man

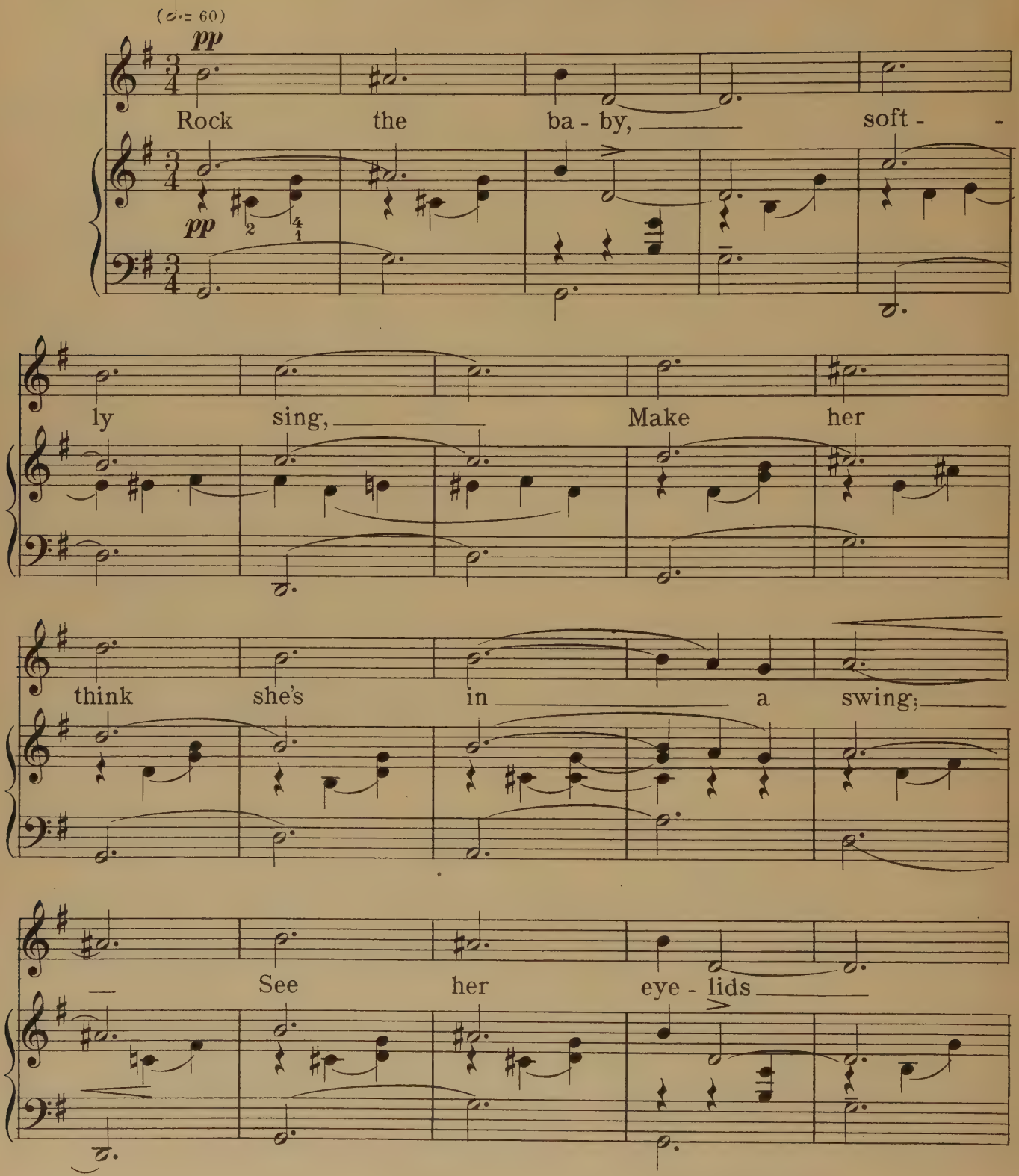
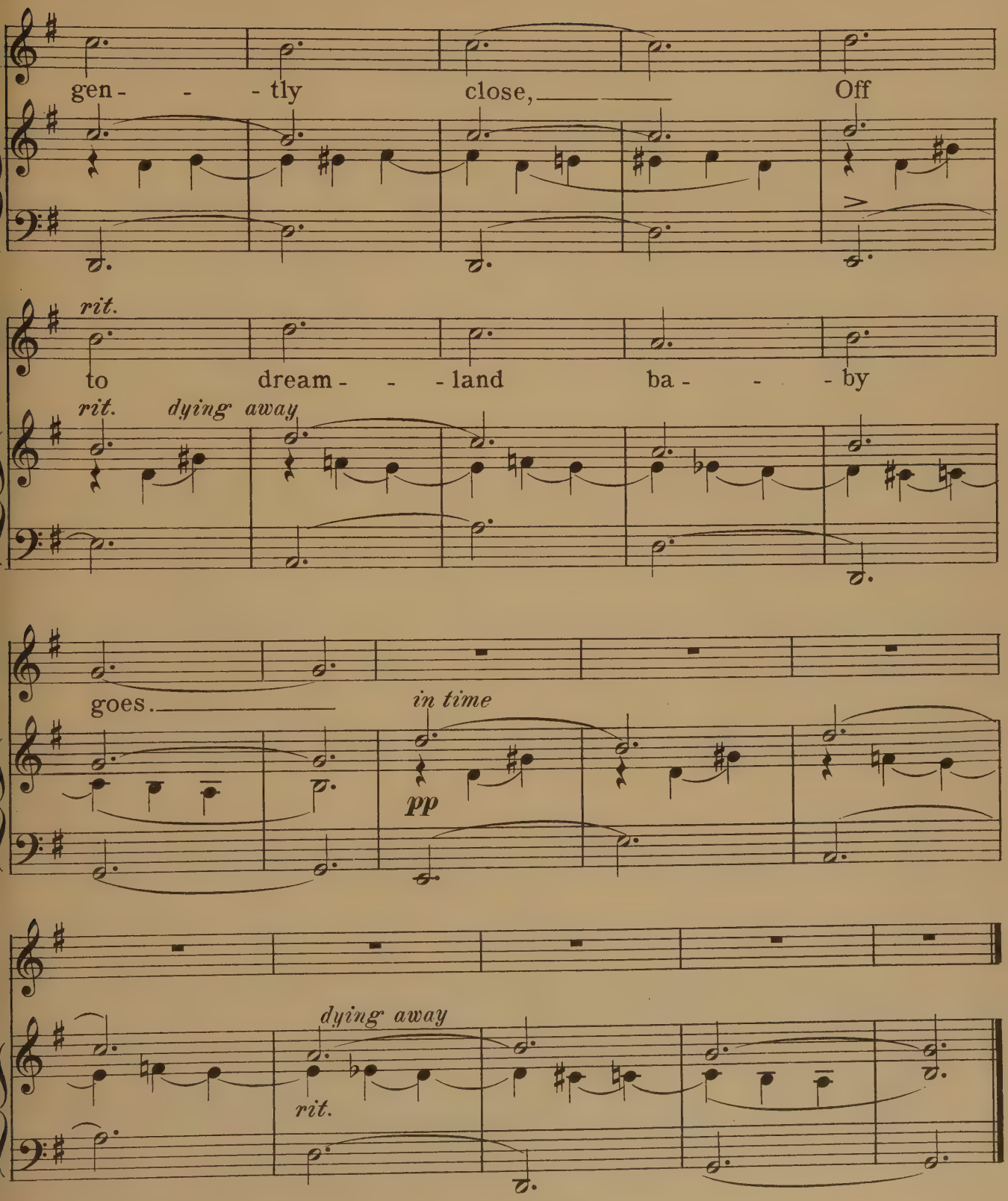


Little Birdie

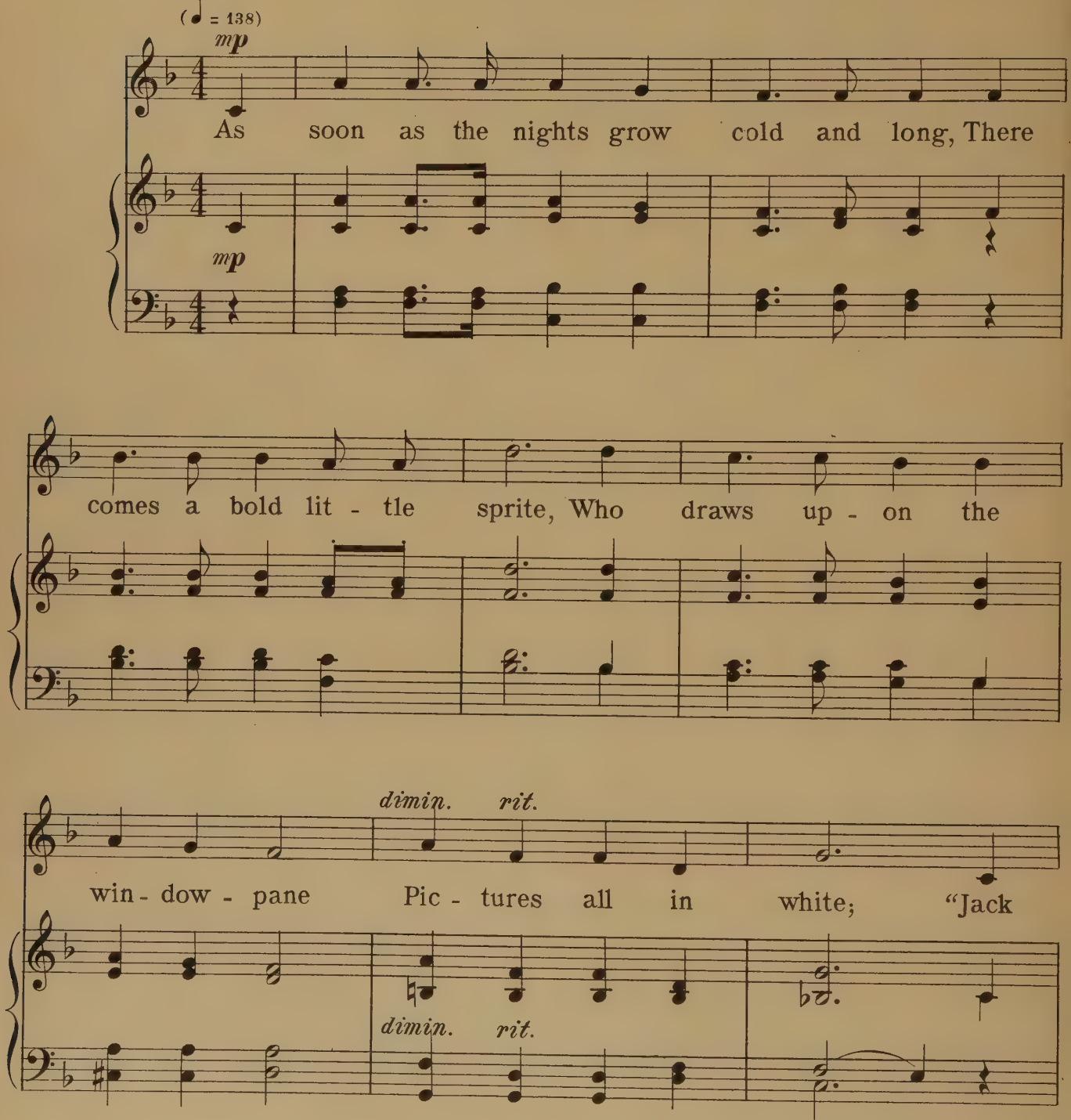

Very gently (♩ = 132)
p
When lit - tle bird - ie goes to sleep,
Where do you think he puts his head? He turns it
round and nest-les it warm In a lit - tle feath - er bed;
pp
rit.
in a lit - tle feath - er bed.

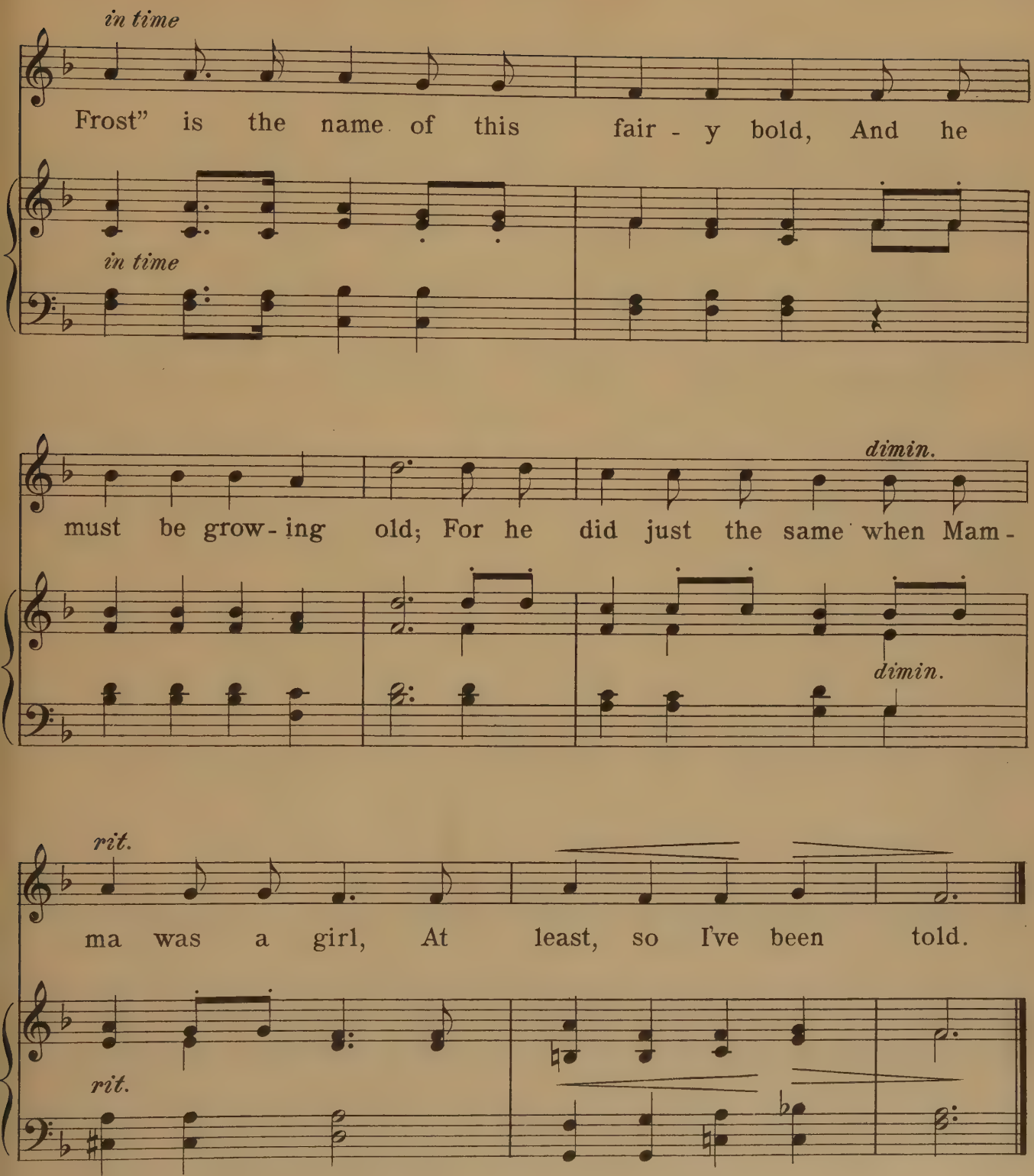
Six Little Puppies


(♩ = 152)
mf
Six lit - tle pup - pies in a row,
mf
cresc.
Bow-wow-wow, they all of them go: If some-bod - y does not
cresc.
bring our din - ner, All of us think we'll get much thin - ner.

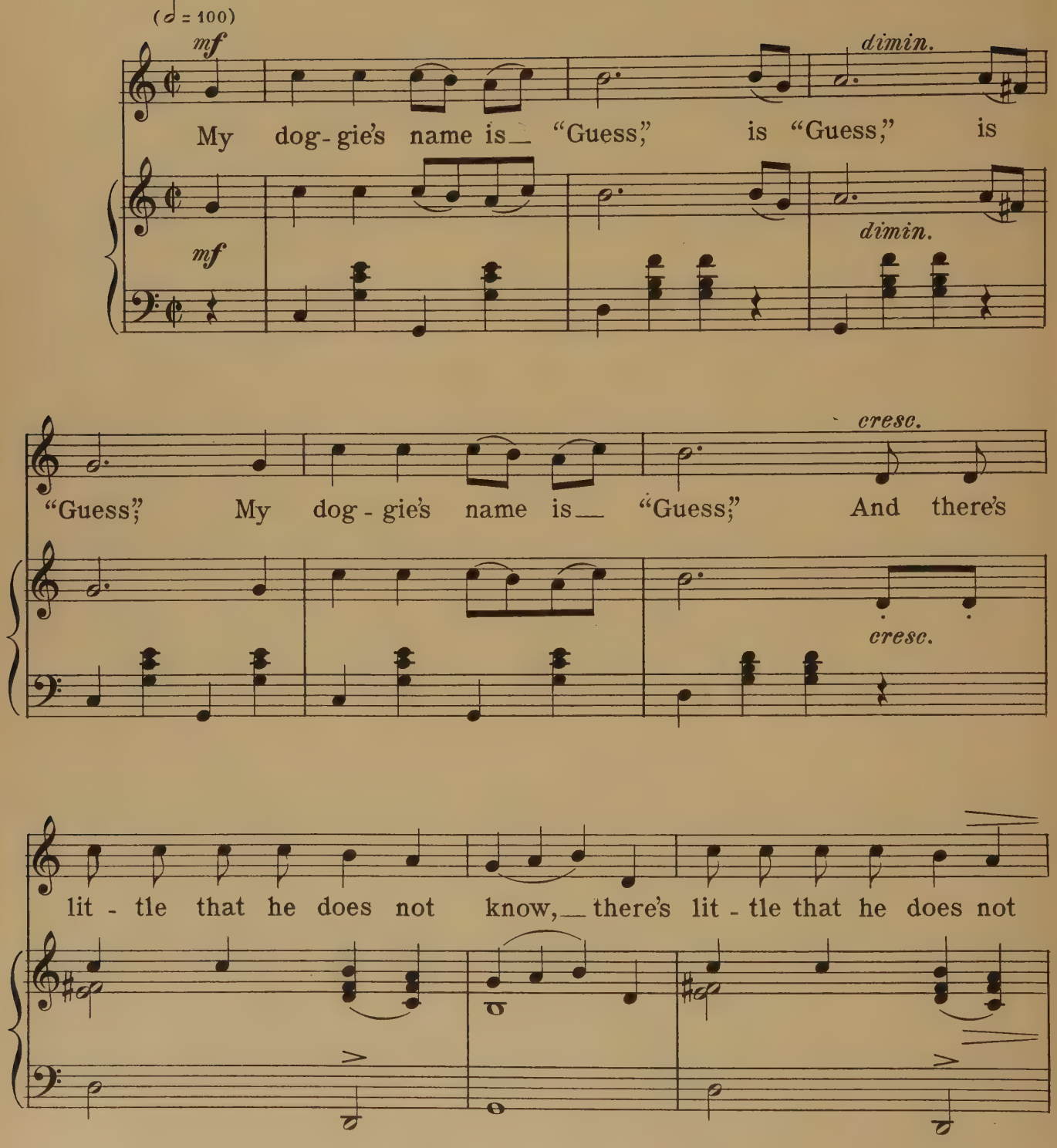
Rocking Baby


gen - - - tly close, Off
rit.
to dream - - - land ba - - - by
rit. dying away
goes.
in time
pp
dying away
rit.

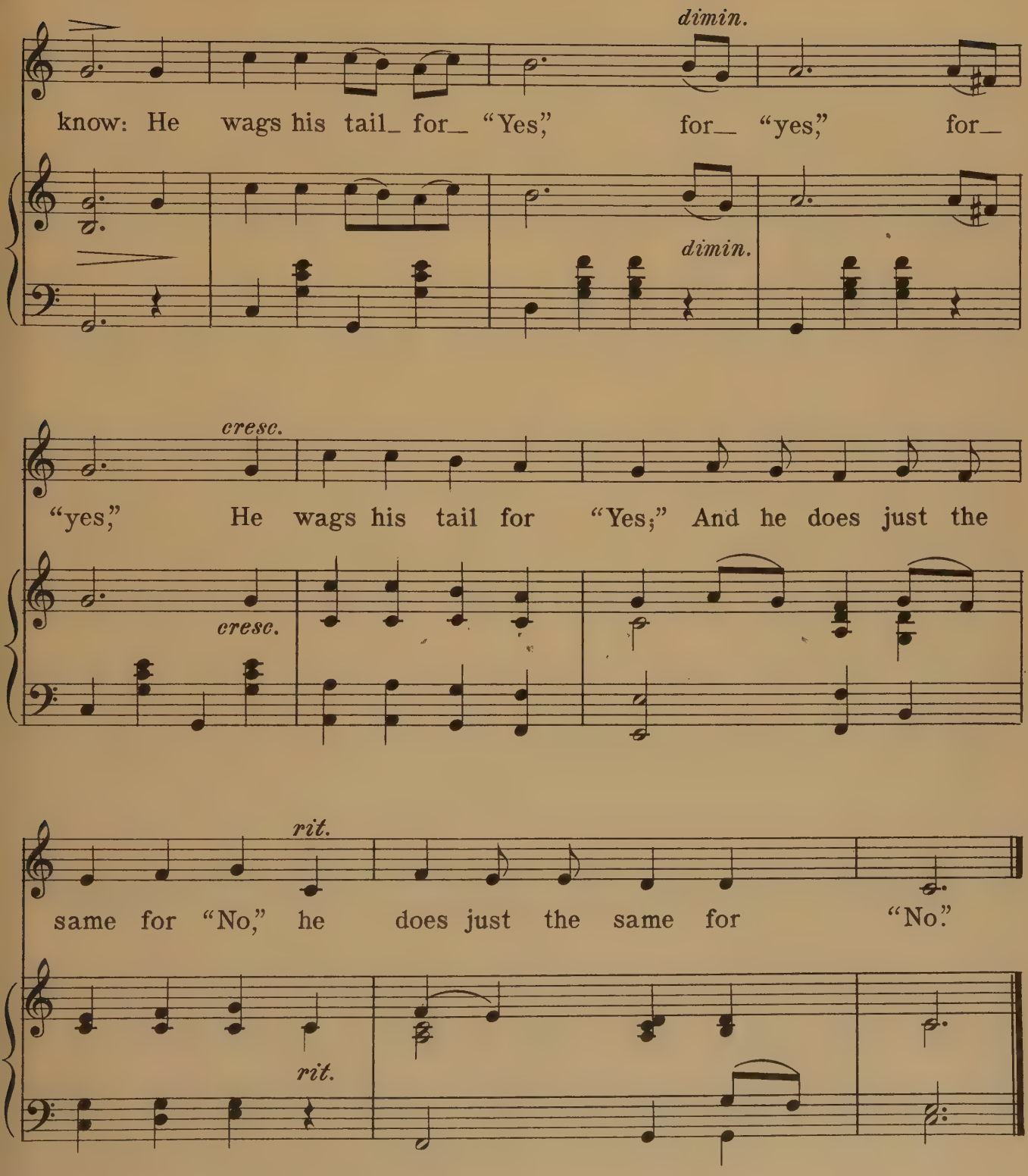
Jack Frost


(♩ = 138)
mp
As soon as the nights grow cold and long, There
mp
comes a bold lit - tle sprite, Who draws up - on the
dimin. rit.
win - dow - pane Pic - tures all in white; "Jack
dimin. rit.

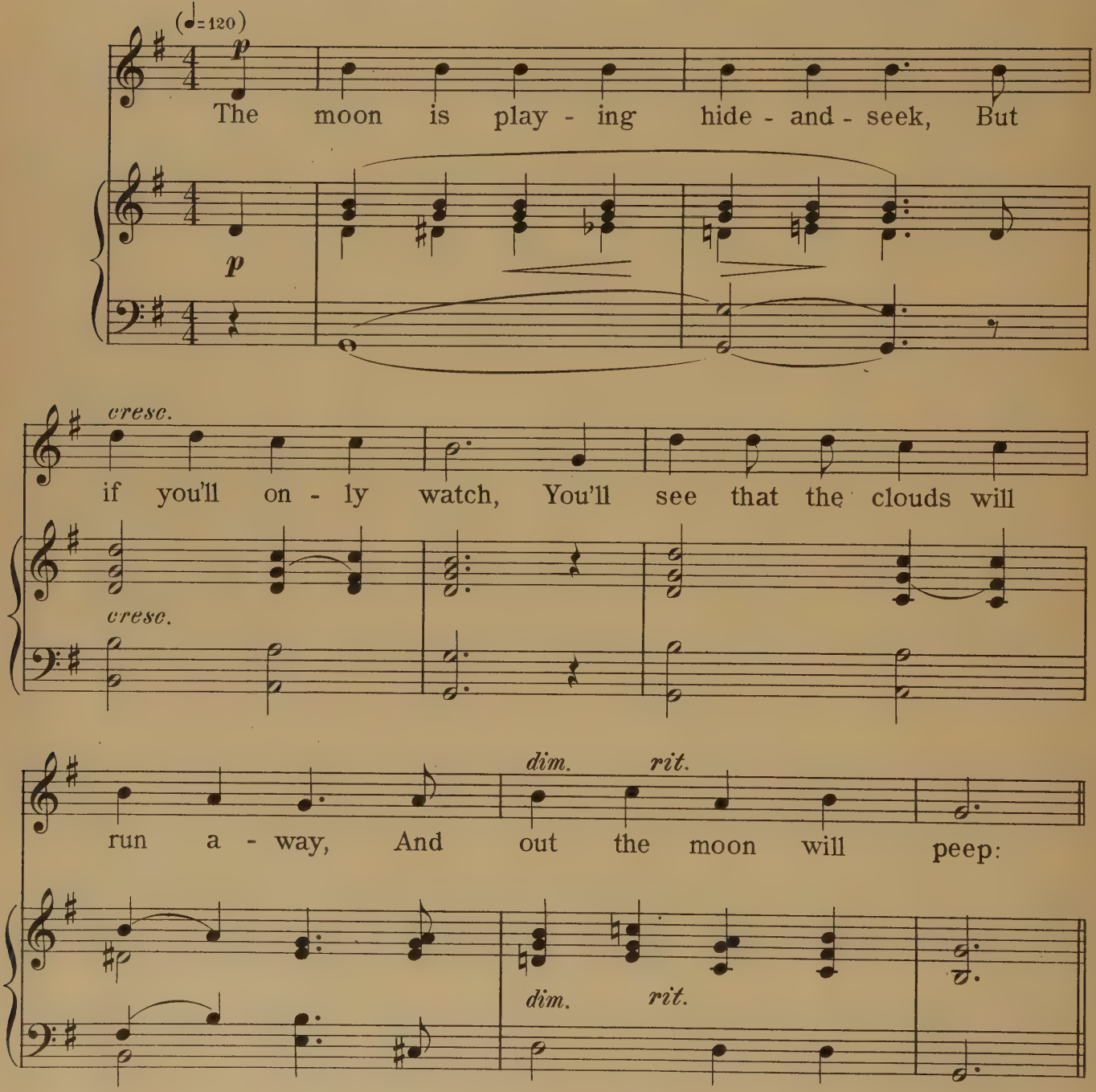

in time
Frost" is the name of this fair - y bold, And he
in time
dimin.
must be grow - ing old; For he did just the same when Mam -
dimin.
rit.
ma was a girl, At least, so I've been told.
rit.

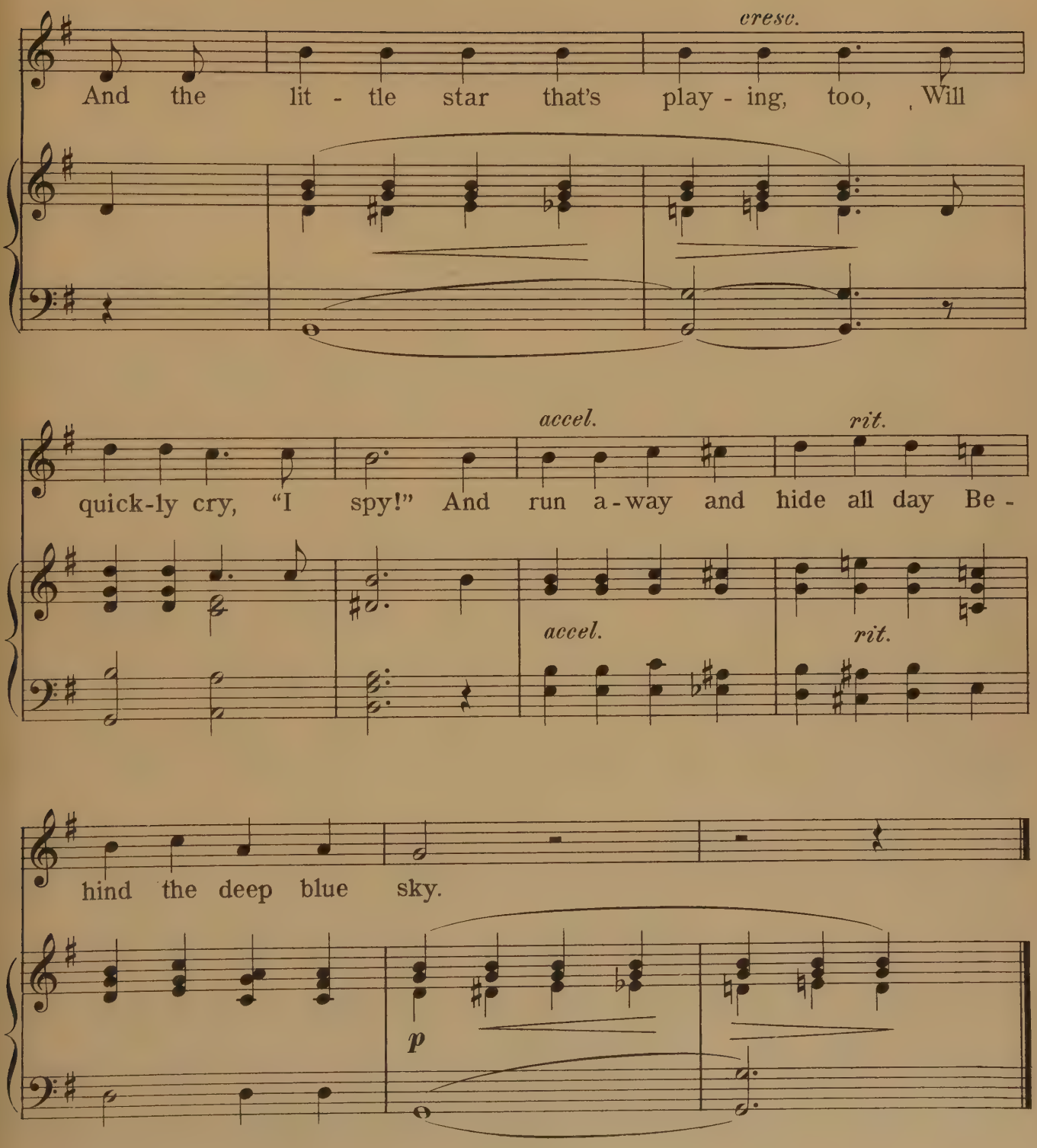
Guess


(𝅗𝅥 = 100)
mf
dimin.
My dog-gie's name is "Guess," is "Guess," is
mf
dimin.
cresc.
"Guess;" My dog-gie's name is "Guess;" And there's
cresc.
lit-tle that he does not know, there's lit-tle that he does not

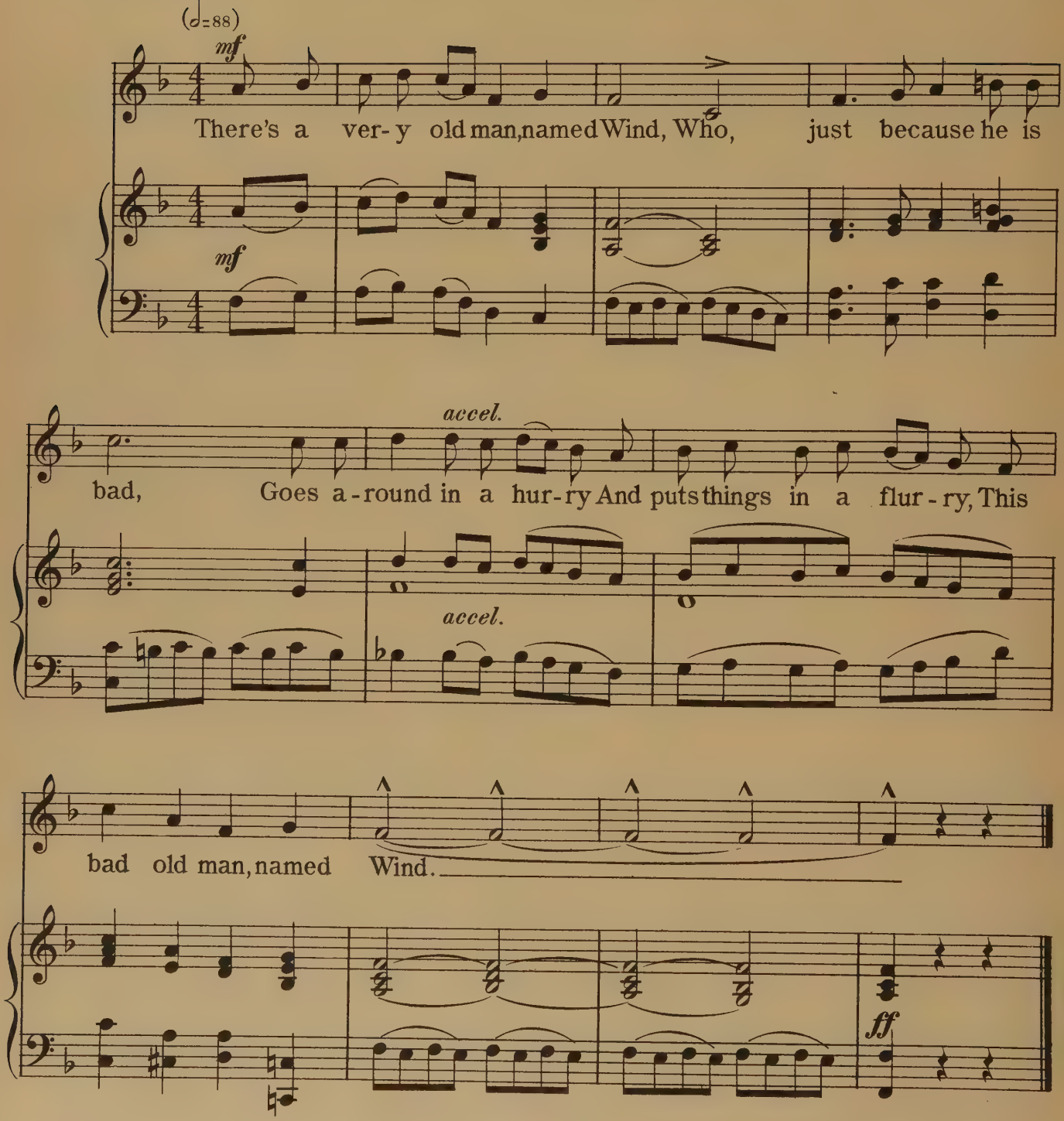

dimin.
know: He wags his tail_ for_ "Yes," for_ "yes," for_
dimin.
cresc.
"yes," He wags his tail for "Yes;" And he does just the
cresc.
rit.
same for "No," he does just the same for "No."
rit.

The Moon is Playing Hide-and-Seek

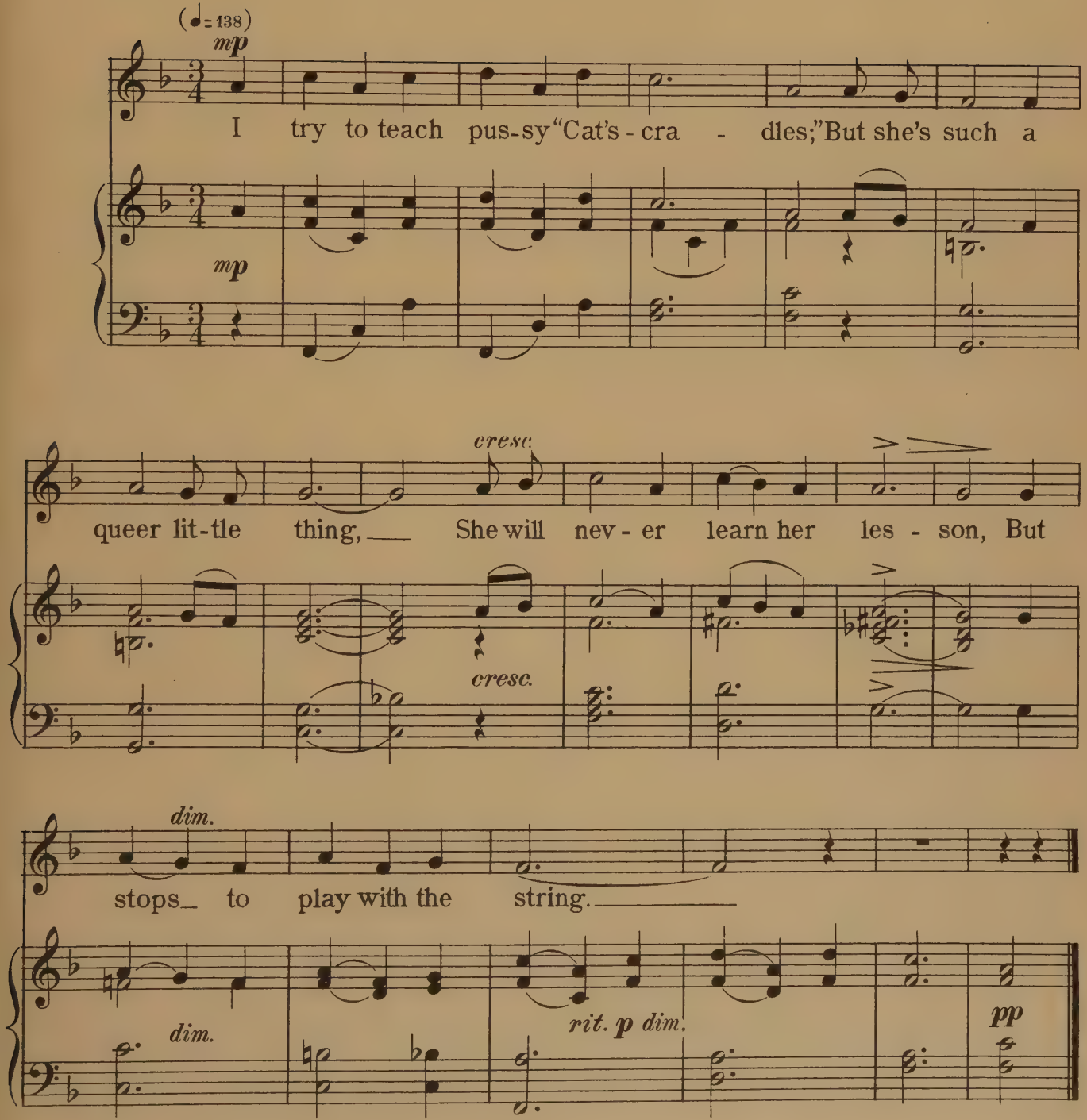

(♩=120)
p
The moon is play - ing hide - and - seek, But
p
cresc.
if you'll on - ly watch, You'll see that the clouds will
cresc.
dim. rit.
run a - way, And out the moon will peep:
dim. rit.


cresc.
And the lit - tle star that's play - ing, too, Will
accel.
rit.
quick-ly cry, "I spy!" And run a - way and hide all day Be -
accel.
rit.
hind the deep blue sky.
p

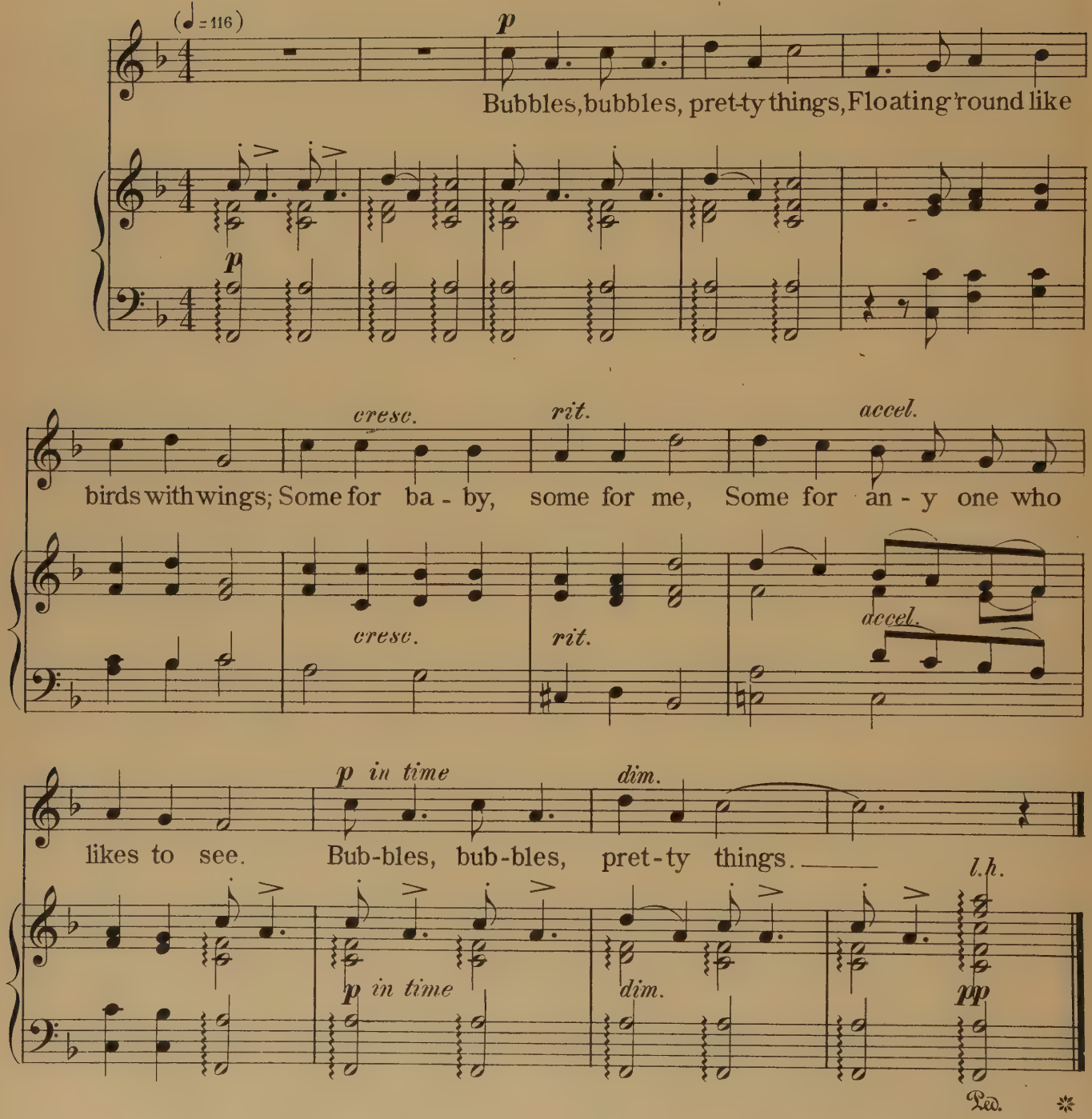
The Windy Day


(♩=88)
mf
There's a ver-y old man, named Wind, Who, just because he is
mf
accel.
bad, Goes a-round in a hur-ry And puts things in a flur-ry, This
accel.
bad old man, named Wind.
ff

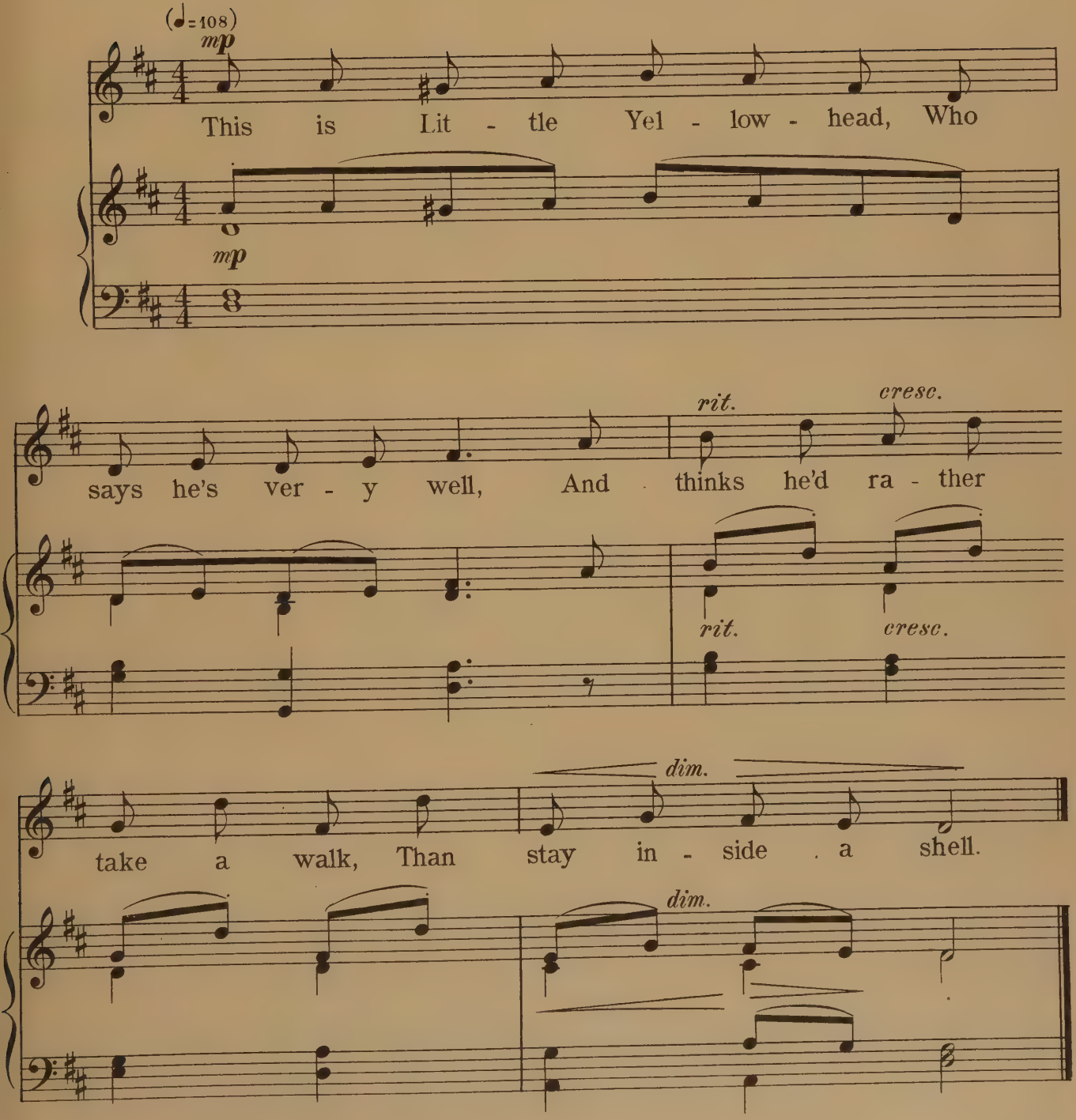
Cat's-Cradles



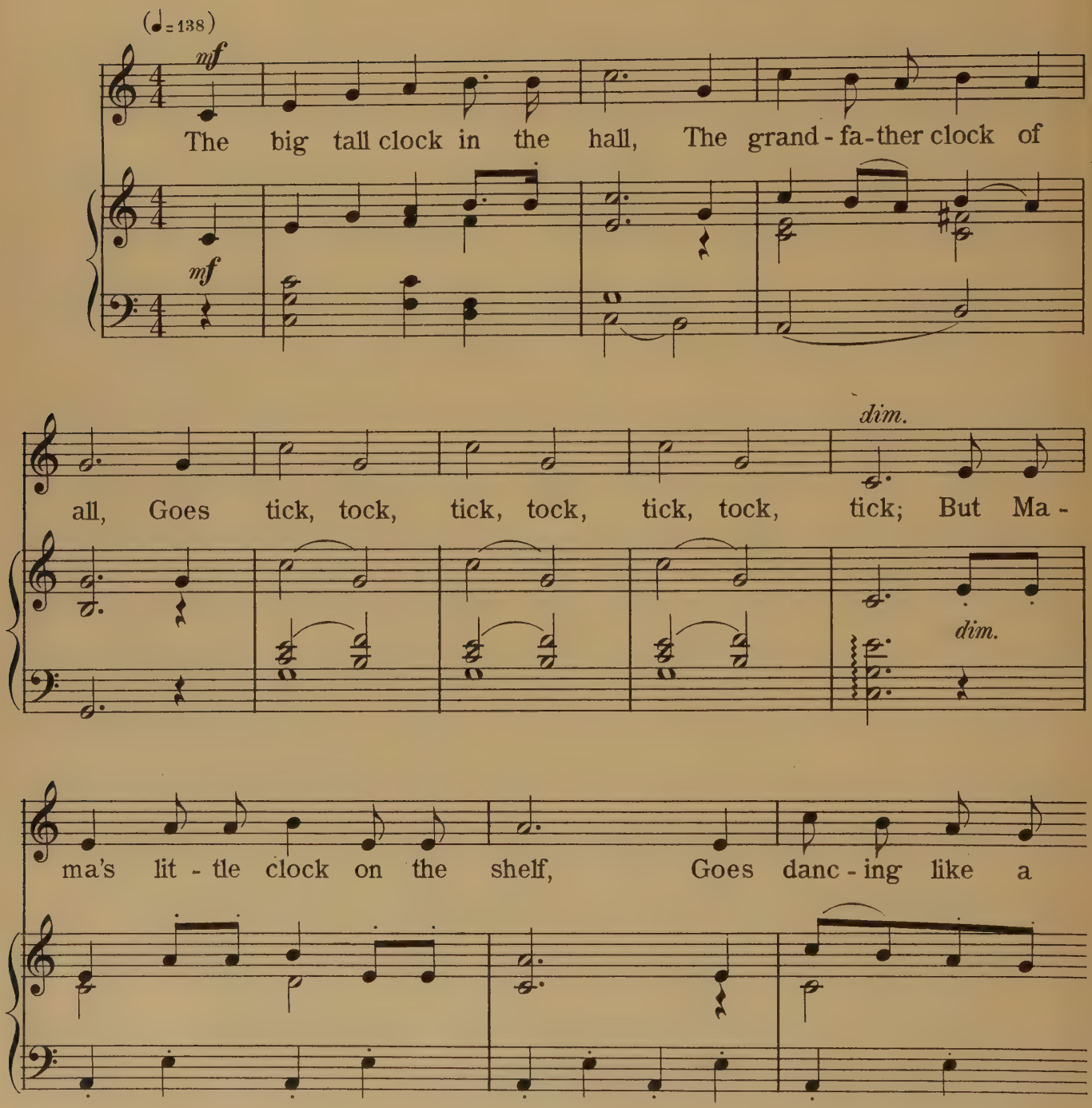
Soap-Bubbles

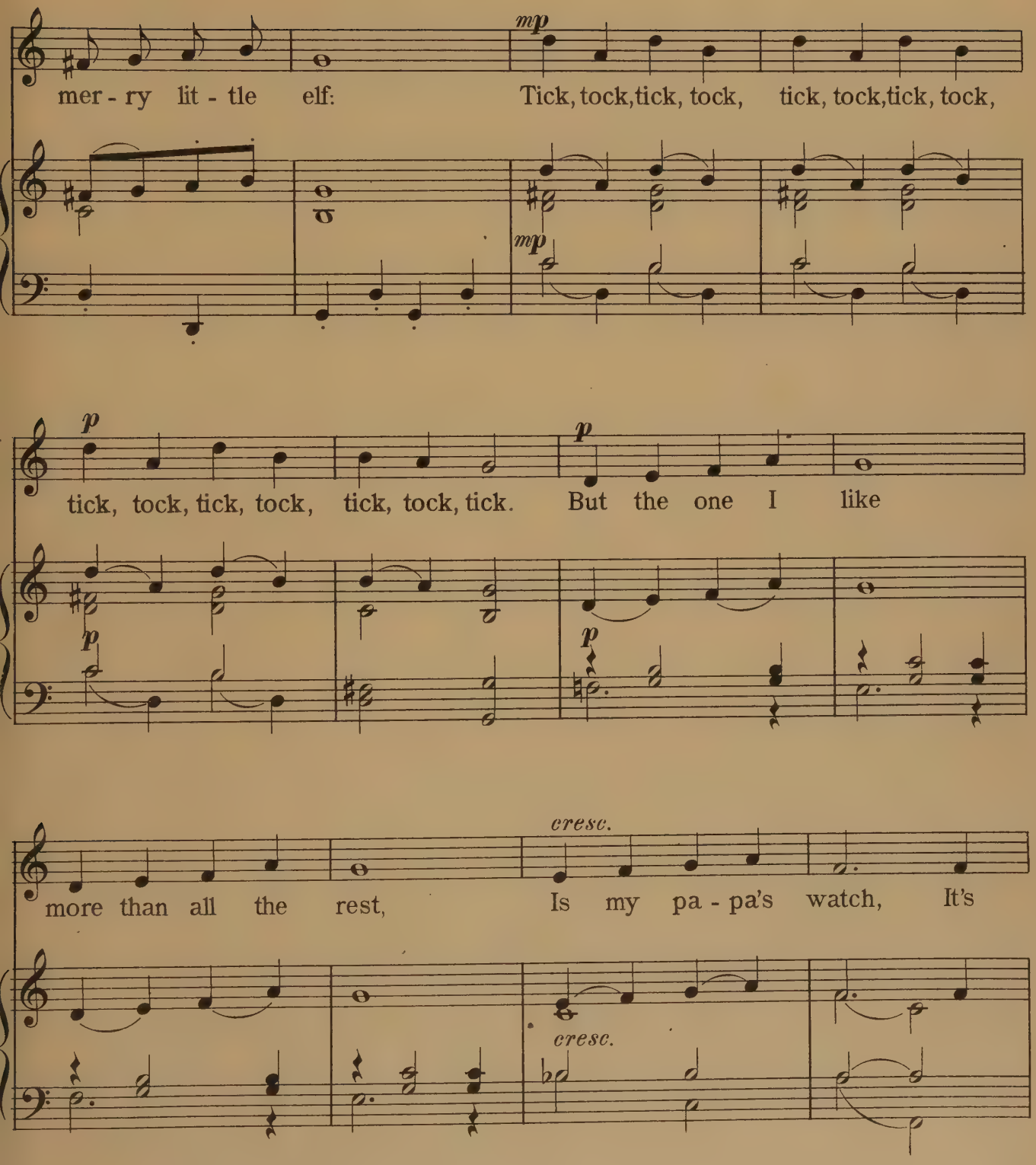


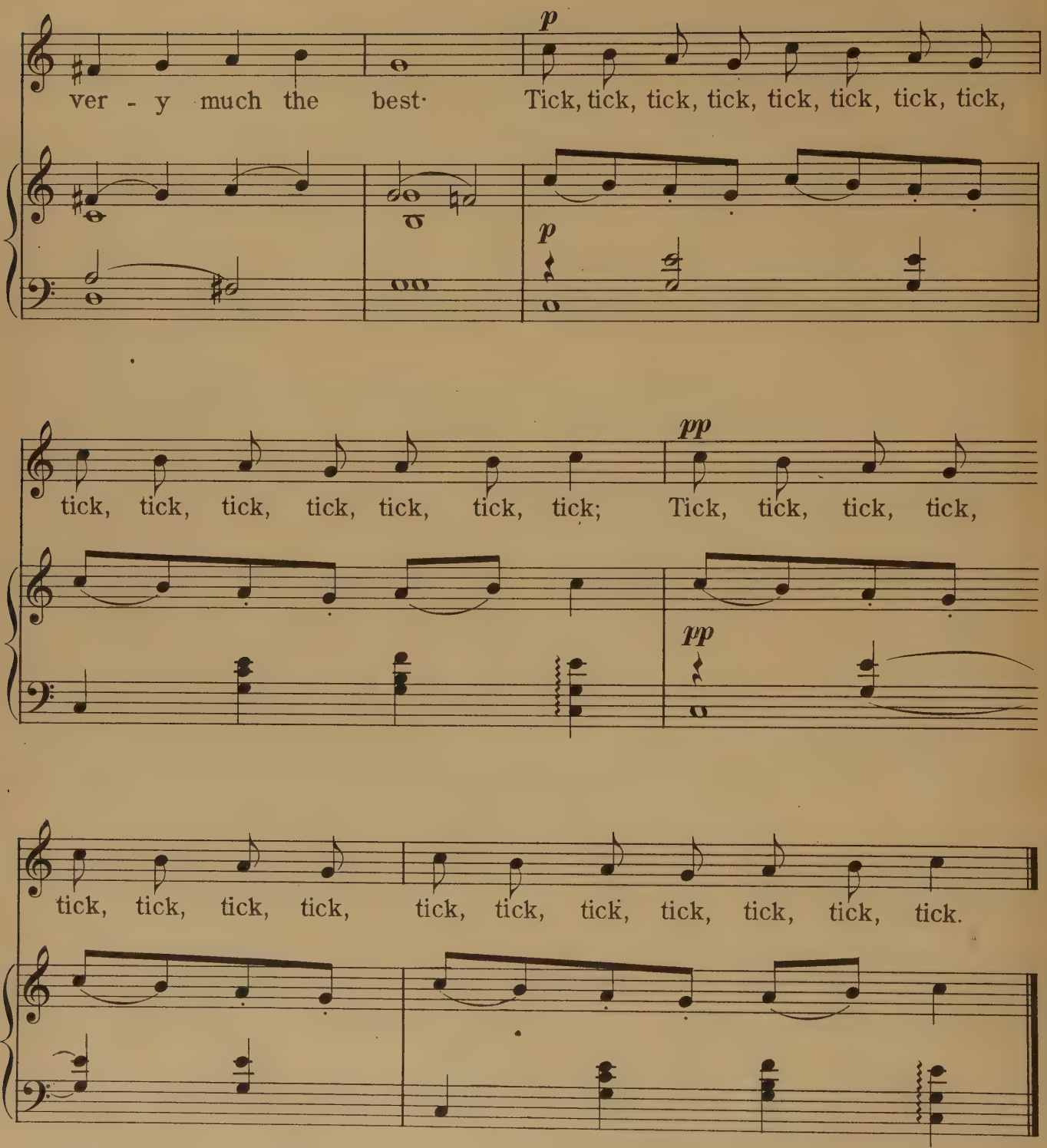
Little Yellowhead



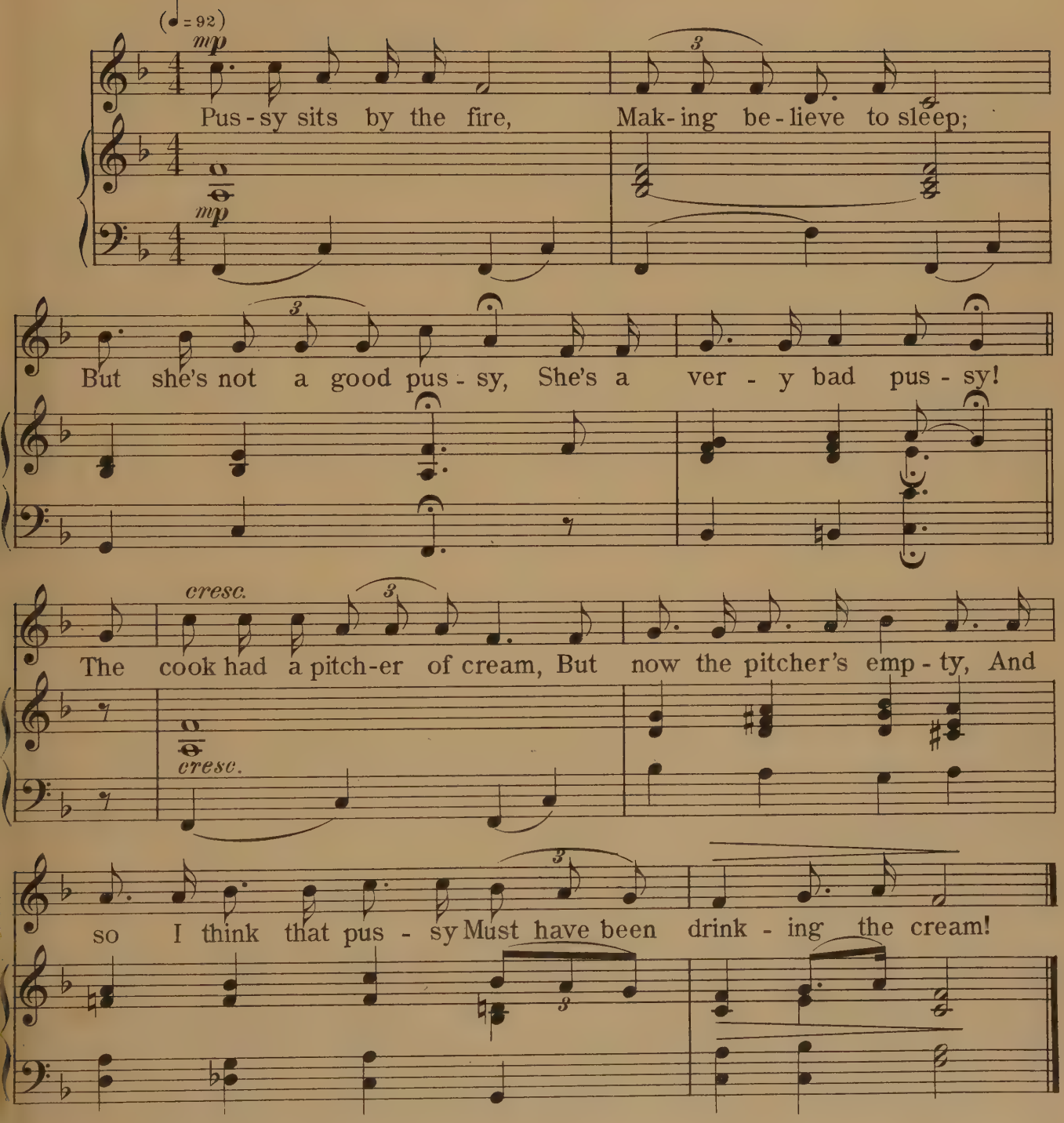
Tick-tock


(♩= 138)
mf
The big tall clock in the hall, The grand - fa-ther clock of
mf
dim.
all, Goes tick, tock, tick, tock, tick, tock, tick; But Ma -
dim.
ma's lit - tle clock on the shelf, Goes danc - ing like a


mp
mer - ry lit - tle elf: Tick, tock, tick, tock, tick, tock, tick, tock,
mp
p
tick, tock, tick, tock, tick, tock, tick. But the one I like
p
p
cresc.
more than all the rest, Is my pa - pa's watch, It's
cresc.


p
ver - y much the best·
Tick, tick, tick, tick, tick, tick, tick, tick,
p
tick, tick, tick, tick, tick, tick, tick;
pp
Tick, tick, tick, tick,
pp
tick, tick, tick, tick,
tick, tick, tick, tick, tick, tick, tick.

The Bad Pussy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Pus - sy sits by the fire, Mak - ing be - lieve to sleep;
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But she's not a good pus - sy, She's a ver - y bad pus - sy!
cresc.
The cook had a pitch - er of cream, But now the pitcher's emp - ty, And
cresc.
so I think that pus - sy Must have been drink - ing the cream!

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